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North Yemeni president arrives on official visit



YEMENI LEADER: King Khalid receives North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh who arrived in Riyadh Saturday on an official visit.

Riyadh, May 12 (SPA) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who arrived here on an official visit Saturday, will have talks with Saudi leaders on Saudi-Yemeni economic relations and developments in the Middle East, SPA reported.

It quoted the president as saying his visit came within the framework of continued consultations between two brotherly countries.

The agency did not elaborate, but it is expected that President Saleh will also brief Saudi leaders on the proposed union between his country and South Yemen.

Saleh was received on arrival by King Khalid, Prince Abdullah,

second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Prince Sattam, deputy governor of Riyadh, and Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naeem, — mayor of the capital.

President Saleh is accompanied by Mujahed Abu Shawreb, deputy premier for internal affairs, Abdulla Asnag, political adviser, Ali Lutf Al-Thawr, — minister of development, and chairman of the planning commission, Ahmad Ruaini, minister of social affairs labor and youth welfare, Ahmed Abd Rabbo, minister of finance and several senior officials.

Friday night President Saleh received a message from his South

Yemeni counterpart Abdulfattah Ismail, delivered to him by South Yemeni Minister of Planning Abdur Aziz Abdulwali.

A government source said the message dealt with the activities of the joint committees formed after the two presidents met in Kuwait last March, to study steps that should be adopted to achieve unity between their two countries.

Later in the evening President Saleh held talks with King Khalid on bilateral relations and ways of consolidating them. The talks were attended on the Saudi side by Prince Abdullah, and Prince Sultan and on the Yemeni side by members of the president's delegation.

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months while undergoing treatment for his back, the mayor announced Friday that Prince Fahd has donated \$2 million to build 100 houses for the poor.

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Prince Fahd has also offered to build a Hispano-Islamic cultural center and mosque for Arab tourists, Marbella Mayor Alfonso Cana said.

It also reported two executions

Friday in the northern city of Gorgan. The victims were state police corporals Mustapha Ghobabi and Hussein Maarruf, accused of killing a number of anti-Shah protesters.

Another army officer was sentenced to one year in jail in Isfahan on charges of inciting soldiers to fight against revolutionaries.

Meanwhile, Iran's leadership

denounced "Ayandegan" as anti-revolutionary and funded by Zionism. The broadcast also attacked the leftist daily "Pavkham Emruz" and the satirical weekly "Ahangar."

"Ayandegan" denied the accusations in its final edition and said it had always supported the February revolution. The daily said its journalists had taken part in a 62-day strike in protest against martial law imposed by the Shah towards the end of his rule.

The afternoon newspaper "Kayhan" backed "Ayandegan" and accused the official radio and television of blowing up a small disagreement into a major national dispute.

The sources reported attacks on a number of the newspaper's provincial offices and said Islamic militiamen had been posted around its Tehran headquarters to prevent violence there.

Street vendors refused to handle Saturday's one-page special edition after attacks earlier in the day on newspaper stands carrying the daily.

The campaign against "Ayandegan" was launched last Thursday when unofficial head of state, Ayatollah Khomeini, announced he would no longer read it because it opposed the interests of Muslims.

"Ayandegan" was understood to have angered Iran's leaders with its reporting on the shadowy Forghan guerrilla group, which has claimed responsibility for two political assassinations since the February revolution.

The leadership has tried to link the killings with the left, but this

Not separate treaty

Sadat again defends pact

TANTA, Egypt, May 12 (R) — President Anwar Sadat Saturday reiterated that the Camp David agreements with Israel and the United States and Egypt's peace treaty with Israel were not separate pacts but accords for a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

Addressing a rally in this Nile Delta town, Sadat said the accords were "for a comprehensive and just peace despite quibbles and prevarications by opportunists and defeatists who attempt to depict them as a separate agreement."

Sadat said: "We said yes to

peace from a position of strength...the entire world realized what Egypt is and what role it can play."

He said Egypt always sought peace based on justice: "I went to the Knesset (Israeli parliament) which Sadat addressed in November (1977) and told them we want peace based on justice...I told them that if you want to live among us then there should be no aggression on Arab land, no aggression on the sovereignty of Jerusalem...not a single Arab or Muslim approves Israel's sovereignty over Arab Jerusalem."

Fahd, Giscard hold talks in Paris today

PARIS, May 12 (Agencies) — Crown Prince Fahd arrived here Saturday on a four-day official visit to France for talks with senior French officials.

He was received here by Defense Minister Yvon Bourges, who was acting for President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, and a number of French officials.

Prince Fahd will begin talks Sunday with Giscard and French Premier Raymond Barre.

Accompanying the prince Saturday was Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh, and Saudi Ambassador to France, Sheikh Jamil Hujailan. Foreign Minister Prince Saud is due to join the delegation Sunday.

Later during the visit, Prince Fahd is due to be guest of honor at a luncheon to be hosted by President Giscard.

After the party's arrival Saturday, Prince Fahd and Prince Salman attended a banquet at the Saudi Embassy here given by Sheikh Hujailan.

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Crown Prince Fahd



ICO parley ends

Jerusalem declared capital of Palestine

FEZ, Morocco, May 12 (Agencies) — Jerusalem was declared capital of Palestine Saturday by the 10th conference of Islamic foreign ministers.

The move came as the conference ended after five days of discussion dominated throughout by the problems of the Middle East.

The ministers also adopted a plan to create an Islamic capitals organization including Jerusalem and called on the 42 members of the Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) to increase their financial and political support for the campaign to free the city from Israeli control.

King Hassan of Morocco was named on Thursday as chairman of a special committee to coordinate the Islamic campaign on Jerusalem.

Earlier, this week, the conference adopted a Syrian resolution suspending Egypt from the ICO because of its peace treaty with Israel.

The conference adopted a resolution urging Japan to avoid anti-Islamic propaganda which could have a bad effect on Tokyo's relations with the Islamic world.

The conference passed a resolution which "noted with great concern that a film criticizing Islam and containing errors about the history of Jerusalem" was screened on Japanese television.

The resolution asked ICO's secretary general to contact the Japanese government to express the conference's concern.

Many of the conference's resolutions concerned the Middle East, including a motion which condemned "the plundering of natural and human resources" in Palestine and occupied Arab territories.

The conference attacked the Camp David accords and Israel's "aggressive policy."

The ministers also pledged full support for African liberation movements until "the elimination of colonialist and racist regimes from the African continent."

The conference also recommended close cooperation with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and expressed its willingness to help liberation movements and refugees in southern Africa.

Conference spokesman Kacem Zihri said Saudi Arabia was the most generous donor to ICO institutions, contributing at least \$24.8 million including 10 million to the Islamic solidarity fund.

Meanwhile Moroccan Foreign

KUWAIT, May 12 (Agencies) — A local newspaper quoted an unnamed "high ranking official" Saturday as denying reports that Kuwait had informed Egypt it wants to withdraw one billion dollars from Cairo bank accounts.

The money was deposited after the 1967 Middle East war and is considered by many economists to be a form of aid since it provides Egypt with foreign exchange that can be used to buy imports.

Khalil has said Egypt would not seize Arab property or capital in retaliation for the sanctions triggered by the treaty, and a senior official said if the Kuwaitis asked for their money back "Egypt would honor the request."

Accounts in Egyptian banks are one of the two economic levers the Arabs have on Egypt. The other is employment of more than one million Egyptian laborers, who send home more than \$1.7 billion annually.

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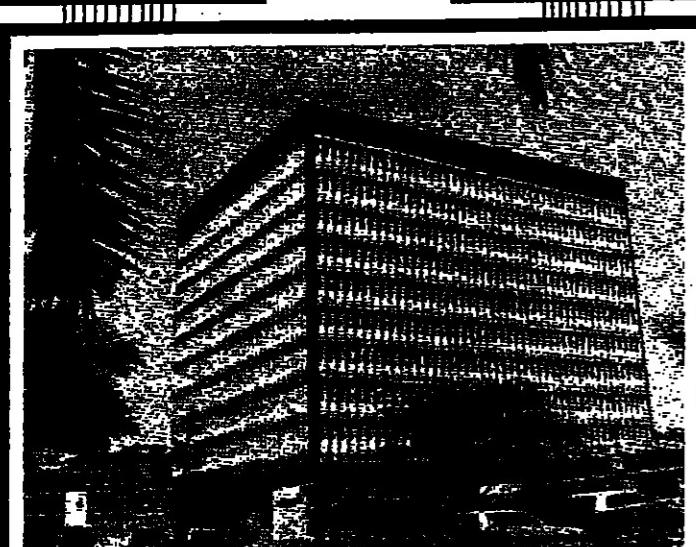
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Ministry aide hurt in highway crash

JEDDAH, May 12 — Deputy Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Dr. Ghazi Sultan was seriously injured last week when his car was in collision with two stray camels on the Mecca-Taif highway, Okaz reported Saturday.

The owners of the camels obstructed attempts to remove Dr. Sultan, who was unconscious, to a hospital and attacked his companion demanding compensation for the dead beasts. The camel drivers are now in jail, the paper said.

Dr. Sultan left Friday to undergo treatment in London.

According to the report, the deputy minister was travelling to Taif with Muhammad Shafiq, a secretary to Petroleum Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

Both men were knocked unconscious by the collision. When Shafiq came to, he attempted to stop a passing car but was obstructed and beaten up by the camel drivers who demanded he pay up.

Eventually, a Greek expatriate named Costas Constantinos stopped his Volvo car, forced aside the

camels and drove them away.

Naif begins inspections of north security forces

RIYADH, May 12 (SPA) — Minister of Interior Prince Naif and an accompanying delegation left here for Arar Saturday to inspect his ministry's branch offices in northern governorates.

His tour includes visits to the Northern Borders, Jowf, Gurayat and Tabuk.

Prince Naif was seen off by Prince Ahmad, deputy interior minister; Prince Sattam, deputy governor of Riyadh; Gen. Fayed Al-Awfi, director of Public Security; Lt. Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh, director general of Frontier force and Coastguard, and several army commanders and

angry herdsmen and helped both men into his car.

According to the paper, Jeddah Police Chief Col. Ali Al-Mashouf sent a force to arrest the herdsmen, who have been jailed.

While in a hospital in Jeddah, Dr. Sultan was visited by Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal, Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani and Pilgrimage Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasi.

Traffic officials to move against taxi profiteering

JEDDAH, May 12 — The Interior Ministry's General Traffic Department has started a campaign to curb overcharging by taxi-drivers in Saudi towns, "Al-Jazirah" reported Saturday.

Col. Muhammad ibn Rajaa Al-Harbi, director of the General Department of Traffic has asked traffic departments throughout the Kingdom to enforce official rates for taxi-drivers.

The paper said the authorities have decided to suspend violators for one week initially, for two weeks for a second offence and two months for a third offence.

If the offense is repeated the driver's taxi license will be confiscated and the driver banned for one year, the paper added.

SPA adds: An intensive traffic campaign has been launched in Mecca to check licenses and car registrations and to prosecute drivers who slack out windows or disturb public peace through unnecessary use of their horns.

Cairo suspended from crime unit

RIYADH, May 12 (SPA) — The executive council of the Arab Organization for Social Defense against Crime decided here Saturday to suspend Egypt from membership. The council is holding an extraordinary meeting.

The match will be held in the presence of Prince Ahmad.

The two sides discussed cooperation in the security and efforts to develop police forces in the Kingdom.

The Austrian delegation includes a soccer team from the Austrian police, which is scheduled to play a match with a Public Security selection at the Youth Welfare Stadium here Sunday.

The match will be held in the presence of Prince Ahmad.

Freight train derailed in Riyadh ; one injured

JEDDAH, May 12 — The driver of a water tanker was injured seriously when his vehicle was hit by a train at a crossing on the outskirts of Riyadh Friday, "Al-Jazirah" reported.

The collision, near the Riyad cement factory, caused the derailment of five trucks containing petroleum products — apparently, the first-ever derailment since the opening of the Riyad-Dammam railroad in the early 1950s.

To lessen the danger of explosion, two units of the capital's Civil Defense have been posted to the scene of the accident, according to Maj. Abdulla Al-Rabeghi, director of operations for Civil Defense in Riyadh.

The tanker driver was Saturday undergoing treatment for his injuries in the

Riyad General Hospital. According to "Al-Jazirah," the Riyad area saw four deaths by drowning Friday after swimmers disregarded warnings not to bathe in the artificial lakes formed by the heavy rains.

Three members of the same Saudi family were drowned in the lake formed by the Majma Dam, north of Riyadh.

They were swimming in the lake when one was trapped in the mud of the lake bed and could not surface. The other two dived down to help him but met the same fate.

A swimmer also drowned in the Hanifa lake in Diriyah, the paper reported.

The bodies of the four drowned men were brought out by Civil Defense personnel under the supervision of Maj. Rabeghi.

Contract let to establish animal vaccine laboratory

RIYADH, May 12 (SPA) — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh Saturday awarded a contract to set up a special laboratory to prepare animal vaccines at the agricultural laboratory in Riyadh.

The SR 23.4 million contract was awarded to an unidentified French company, and is expected to be completed in 16 months.

The project will manufacture 200 million doses of cattle vaccine and 25 million doses of vaccine for the sheep diseases. Under the project, Saudi technicians will be trained for three years on the

Sheikh Nafisah dies ; saw action at fall of Riyadh

JEDDAH, May 12 — Sheikh Muhammad ibn Ali Al-Nafisah, one of the 40 companions of King Abdul Aziz at the capture of Riyadh in 1903 died at the Central Hospital here Friday.

Sheikh Muhammad was 95. Prince Bandar was among those present at the ritual prayer.

Bus service set for West shortly

RIYADH, May 12 (SPA) — The Board of Directors of the Saudi Public Transport Company will operate a service between Jeddah, Mecca and Taif this summer, Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, minister of communications and chairman of the board, said Saturday.

According to Mansouri, the board Saturday reviewed the company's rush program and studied tenders submitted by transport companies.

He said the company has resolved to buy 200 buses initially and added that a general review was made of its requirements for land in Riyadh, Mecca, Medina, Dammam and Taif for workshops and service stations.

Sattam donates cash to poets

RIYADH, May 12 — Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam has donated SR 400,000 to encourage poets at the third seminar on popular heritage which concluded there Friday, according to "Al-Jazirah" newspaper.

Algosaibi leaves

RIYADH, May 12 (SPA) — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi left here for Bahrain Saturday on his way to Tunis to attend a conference of Arab ministers of industry to be held there Monday.

AOI chief arrives

RIYADH, May 12 (SPA) — The chairman of the Arab Organization for Industrialization (AOI) Sheikh Faisal Al-Qassimi arrived here Saturday. He was received by Dr. Muhammad Al-Milhem, minister of State and director of the armaments firm.

Iraq aide here

RIYADH, May 12 (SPA) — Iraqi Minister of Housing and Construction Taher Yasin Ramadan arrived here Saturday. Ramadan is a member of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council (RCC).

Nahda falls in first round but top sides go through

By David Smith

JEDDAH, May 12 — The first round of the King's Cup contained few surprises with all the leading sides winning through to the second round.

The only Premier League side to go out at the first hurdle was Al-Nahda. The Dammam team was beaten 4-1 by First Division champion Al-Shebab, which now meets the Cup holder Al-Abhi in the second round.

Abhi had a comfortable passage against Al-Wadih, with top-scorer Amin Dabbo notching four goals. The other goals came from Tariq Al-Khalvi, who scored 3, Tarek Diab, Abdulla Omar and Idris Adam.

Easiest

Or this form Abhi, which appears to have the easiest passage of the top teams into the semi-final, will be hoping to repeat last year's Cup triumph, but the Jeddah side will face tricky opponents in Shebab in its next tie.

The highest scorer of the round was Dammam's Al-Kadasia which put 12 goals past the unfortunate Al-Watan. Kadasia had a good Cup run last season reaching the

1st-round results

JEDDAH, May 12: Results of King's Cup first-round games at the weekend:

Kadasia	12	Watan	1
Nasr	7	Fare	2
Atayi	4	Anwar	1
Rabi	3	Najmah	1
Itihad	2	Okaz	0
Hilal	8	Ijabalein	1
Riyadh	7	Uruba	1
Ansar	1	Salam	3
Wehda	3	Raed	0
Khalij	2	Fateh	0
Ittifaq	5	Hijri	0
Taawun	—	Sharq	4
Nahda	1	Shebab	1
Abhi	10	Wadih	1
Hazam	—	Nakheel	1
Othod	1	Rodha	3

2nd ROUND:

(to played next weekend)

Kadasia	vs. Nasr
Atayi	vs. Rabi
Itihad	vs. Hilal
Riyadh	vs. Salam
Wehda	vs. Khalij
Ittifaq	vs. Taawun/ Sharq
Shebab	vs. Nasr/ Nakheel



DABBO : Ahli's Senegalese striker Amin Dabbo was top scorer in the King's Cup first round over the weekend, notching four goals in Ahli's 12-0 rout of Al-Watan.

out to add the King's Cup to the league title, and this second-round tie promises to be an epic tussle between two fine sides. In the other second-round matches, the teams relegated from the Premier Division look to have the opportunity to reach the third round.

Atayi, having beaten Al-Anwar 4-1, should be able to defeat Al-Itihad and Al-Hilal in Riyadh. Itihad was not at its best in a 2-0 victory over Okaz in which striker Tomas Sjoberg scored both goals, but with Theo Buecker driving on the side, and Sjoberg and Issa Hamdan in goal-scoring mood, the Jeddah side will have high hopes of repeating its 2-1 league win over the Premier Division champion.

Hat-tricks

Hilal qualified comfortably with hat-tricks by strikers Najib Imam and Sultan bin Nassib, and two goals from Brazilian Roberto Rivelino giving the Riyadh side an 8-1 margin over Al-Jabalein. With bin Nassib and Imam to finish off the work of Rivelino and Al-Umda, Hilal will be going all

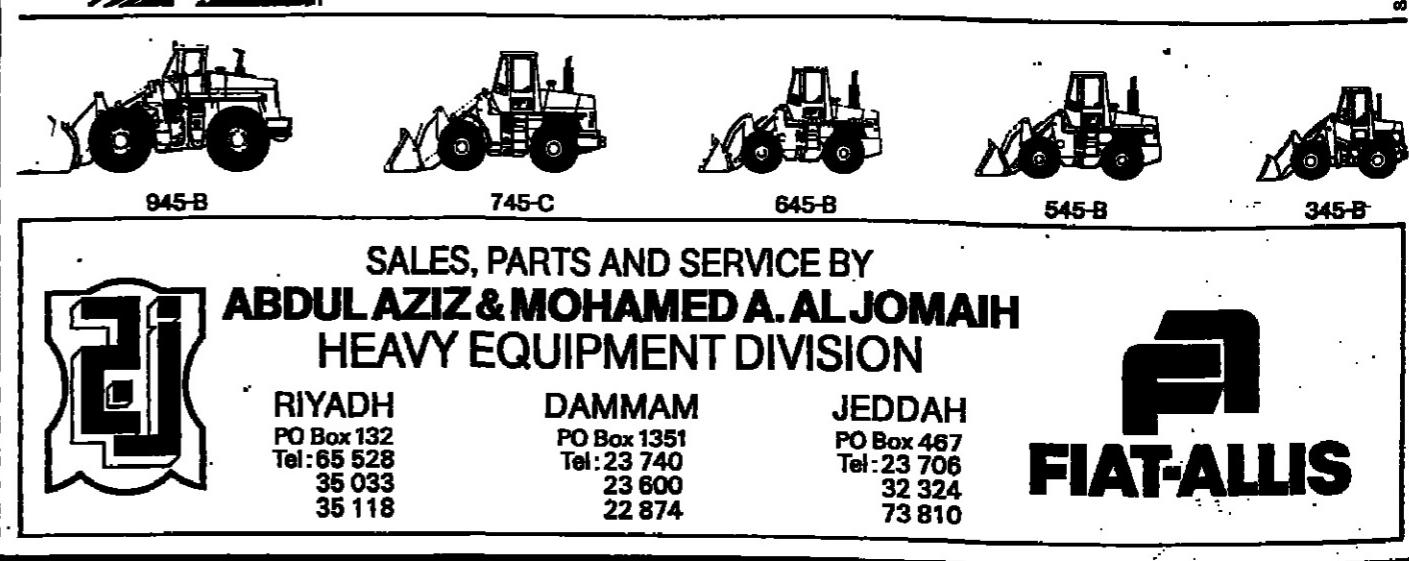
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In the only all First Division clash in the second round, Al-Rodha, 3-1 victor over the promoted Othod, takes on either Al-Hazam or Al-Nakheel in the tie which may produce the only First Division representative in the last eight.

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Autonomy doesn't mean nucleus of Palestine state, Israel says

TEL AVIV, May 12 (Agencies) — Israeli Minister of the Interior Dr. Yosef Burg has said that the Israeli team to negotiate autonomy in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip would have to defend two basic demands: that autonomy would not produce the

nucleus of a future Palestinian state in the territory, and that Israel should not have to agree to refrain from establishing new settlements there.

Dr. Burg, who has been appointed head of the Israeli ministerial team for the negotia-

tions with Egypt, laid down in the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty was speaking at a luncheon meeting of industrialists and businessmen here Friday.

Negotiations are to begin on May 25.

Israel has offered to introduce a limited form of autonomy for the Palestinian residents of the area and aims to retain control of security, public land and water resources.

"By our definition," autonomy is less than "sovereignty" and we must not forget this, the minister said.

In a separate development in Cairo, Egyptian newspapers Saturday hailed as "well-timed" and "significant" a statement affirming U.S. President Jimmy Carter's responsibility in ending the Israeli military rule in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Carter made the statement in an interview published in Tel Aviv Friday by the Israeli newspaper "Maariv".

The daily "Al Ahram" noted that Carter's statement came while Egypt and Israel are preparing to start negotiations on Palestinian self-rule and said "definition of the American stand is required so that Israel's interpretations do not exceed the understanding" reached by both countries at Camp David.

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The Iraq News Agency (INA) said Hikmat Ibrahim was carrying messages from President Bakr to the Libyan, Tunisian, Algerian, Mauritanian and Moroccan heads of state dealing with the implementation of punitive measures against Egypt.

It added that the messages also touched on strengthening inter-Arab cooperation to "face" the Egypt-Israel peace agreement.

U.S. soldier was killed by leftists

ANKARA, May 12 (R) — A leftist group called the "Marxist-Leninist Armed Propaganda Unit" claimed responsibility Saturday for the killing of an American soldier in Istanbul Friday. The little-known group made the claim in telephone calls to Turkish newspapers. The serviceman, 20-year-old Thomas Mosley, was shot from a passing car as he was about to board a U.S. military bus. Another American soldier with him was hit in the legs but was not seriously wounded.

Swiss to represent Iran in Egypt

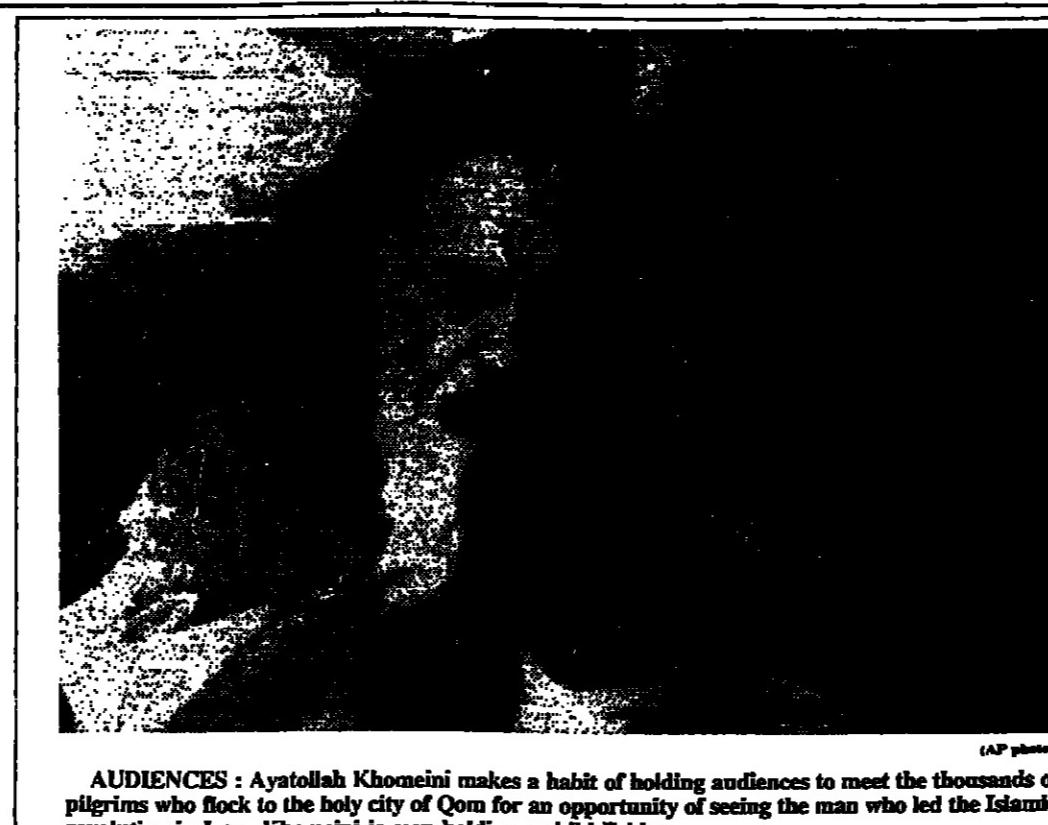
BERNE, May 12 (R) — Switzerland has agreed to look after Iran's affairs in Egypt after Tehran's diplomatic break with Cairo over the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, the Swiss government has announced.

UNESCO softens stand on Israel

PARIS, May 12 (AP) — The U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has departed from its usually strong condemnations of Israel to adopt a moderate resolution opposing Israel's actions in Jerusalem. The debate Friday in the executive committee was calm and conciliatory. The Arab states and the Communist Bloc denounced Israel's occupation of Jerusalem but stopped short of demanding a strongly worded resolution.

U.S. convicts Jewish radicals

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP) — Two members of a Jewish militant group were convicted Friday of firebombing the home of United Nations employee in connection with a terror conspiracy against Egyptian government installations and personnel. The U.S. District Court trial jury in Manhattan had rendered a partial verdict on Thursday, convicting Victor Vancier, 21, and Brice Berger, 30, of the conspiracy and another count.



AUDIENCES: Ayatollah Khomeini makes a habit of holding audiences to meet the thousands of pilgrims who flock to the holy city of Qom for an opportunity of seeing the man who led the Islamic revolution in Iran. Khomeini is seen holding a child Friday. (AP photo)

Israel cabinet to study report on army abuses in S. Lebanon

TEL AVIV, May 12 (AP) — Israel's cabinet Sunday is likely to discuss a scathing government report issued this week that criticized the army's handling of the 1978 invasion of southern Lebanon and shook the country's faith in its military machine.

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The "Jerusalem Post" called the revelations "shocking" and added: "The inefficiencies that plague the civilian sector were thought to be mysteriously absent in the military sector. Now we know better."

He issued an urgent appeal to grain-rich states to make up the difference.

GENEVA, May 12 (AP) — The United States has warned there was a "distinct possibility" it will withdraw from the World Health Organization WHO if the latest campaign of Arab states against Israel within the United Nations agency succeeds.

The warning came in a two-sentence statement Friday by U.S. Ambassador William Vanlen Heuvel in response to an announcement by Arab states they will seek to have Israel's voting rights suspended in the organization.

It followed a sharp statement by an American cabinet member earlier this week and was reminiscent of a series of American warnings that preceded the U.S. withdrawal from the International Labor Organization in 1977.

U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Joseph Califano Jr., who apparently had advance warning of the impending Arab move, warned the current World Health Assembly against taking any "rash action."

In a speech to the nearly one thousand delegates at the organization's annual gathering last Tuesday, Califano said such an action could cause "irreparable harm" to the organization. He left Geneva the following day.

Iraqi Health Minister Riad Hussein announced the latest Arab move in a news conference here Friday. He said health ministers from all Arab states except Egypt decided to go ahead with tabling an anti-Israel resolution.

Hussein said the resolution was drafted in advance of the WHO meeting and is to "stop the aggression of Zionism and violation of WHO rules in the occupied territories."

Reacting to the Arab

announcement, the U.S. mission in Geneva issued without further comment the following press statement from mission chief Vanden Heuvel who is also delegate to the assembly:

"I have advised various Arab representatives that (an) attempt is made to impose sanctions against Israel under article seven."

"I have no doubt the government of the U.S., representing both the executive and the legislative branches, would reply in an appropriate way, including the distinct possibility of withdrawal."

WHO rules do not provide for the exclusion of any member state, but article seven, invoked by the Arabs, says that a state's voting power can be withdrawn "under exceptional circumstances."

Jordan minister holds talks with Gromyko

MOSCOW, May 12 (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko met on Friday with visiting Jordanian Foreign Minister Hassan Ibrahim, the Soviet news agency Tass reported Saturday.

The talks "passed in a friendly atmosphere," Tass said.

"A detailed exchange of views was held on questions pertaining to the Middle East situation and the development of cooperation between the USSR and Jordan," Tass said.

It added that "both sides underlined that conclusion of the Egyptian-Israeli treaty has led to a new aggravation of the situation in the Middle East and created serious obstacles to the achievement of peace and stability in that area."

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World Food Council warns of Bangladesh starvation

MANILA, May 12 (AP) — Bangladesh may be again on the verge of catastrophe unless the world intervenes, the head of the World Food Council said Saturday.

Arturo Tanco Jr. said Bangladesh officials told him they expect hundreds of thousands to starve this summer without at least a half-million tons of emergency grain aid.

Last December, the shortfall in food grains predicted for Bang-

ladesh this year was 1.7 million tons, and it was on that figure that aid programs were based, Tanco said.

He said floods and droughts since then have caused such severe crop damage that Dacca now expects to grow 2.2 million tons less than it needs for its 81 million people.

He issued an urgent appeal to grain-rich states to make up the difference.

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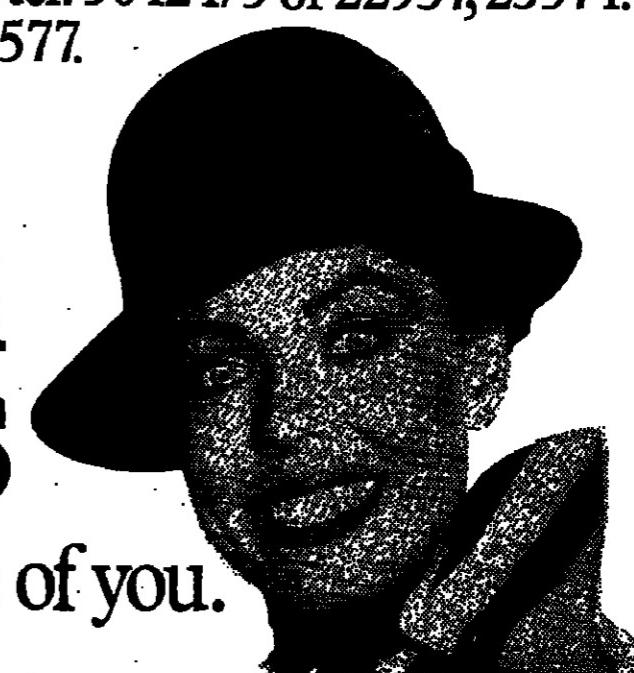
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Bay of Bengal generates furious Indian hurricane

NEW DELHI, May 12 (AP) — A hurricane struck the eastern coast of India Saturday, disrupting communications, flooding low-lying areas and marooning hundreds, the United News of India reported.

Nellore, a district headquarters about 160 kilometers north of Madras, was described as a "pic-

Indira denies knowledge of \$ 100,000 bribery plan

NEW DELHI, May 12 (AP) — Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has denied any knowledge of an alleged \$ 100,000 payoff scheme which the government has claimed was proposed by an Italian executive.

Mrs. Gandhi told members of her party on Thursday that the charge, made in Parliament by Deputy Finance Minister Satish Agarwal, was "false and politically motivated."

Agarwal claimed on Tuesday that Mrs. Gandhi's defeat in the March, 1977, election kept the deal from being carried out.

Authorities raiding the offices of Park Products Ltd., an Indian food and beverage concern, found a letter from C. Rocci, managing director of the Italian soft drink firm Isieri, proposing the payoff to secure an import deal, he said.

The letter, written in Italian,

India's troops on alert as Punjab police revolt

NEW DELHI, May 12 (R) — Troops were put on alert Friday after a revolt by policemen in India's northern states of Punjab and Haryana, a government spokesman said.

The army was alerted after Punjab's Special Police Force joined other policemen in widespread anti-government demonstrations, the spokesman said.

The protests, sparked by the dismissal of a policeman for alleged inebriation have made the

House arms unit seeks jump-jet

Key panel defies Carter over carrier

WASHINGTON, May 12 (R) — A key congressional committee Friday headed for a fight with President Carter by recommending the building of a new nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and the development of an advanced version of the British Harrier jump-jet fighter.

The House of Representatives Armed Services Committee authorized \$ 2.1 billion for a nuclear carrier which President Carter said was not needed.

The committee also recommended the full House approve \$ 180 million for the development of a new U.S.-built version of the Harrier for the Marine Corps.

Defense Secretary Harold

ture of total desolation" of Andhra Pradesh State.

Some 30,000 people have been evacuated so far from coastal areas, and the armed forces have been placed on alert for rescue and relief operations, All-India Radio reported.

Worst hit were Nellore and East Godavari districts, where trees

were uprooted and many sections inundated. Also affected were Guntur and Krishna districts, which bore the brunt of the November, 1977, hurricane-tidal wave disaster.

S.D. Williams, a meteorologist at Nungambakkam Observatory in Madras, said the tropical storm swept off the Bay of Bengal and began lashing an area between Nellore and Kavale in Andhra Pradesh state late Saturday morning, UNI reported.

On Friday, five fishing villages near Nellore were flooded by heavy rains which preceded the hurricane.

Rough Seas

Rough seas have prevented five ships from rescuing 22 crew members aboard a disabled Panamanian-registered vessel, the United Vanguard, in the Bay of Bengal, UNI said.

The United Vanguard, sending distress signals since Thursday, was reported listing heavily to port. One British, one Soviet and three Indian ships waiting for the weather to improve before attempting to rescue the crew, it added.

A Soviet merchant vessel rescued five crew from the United Vanguard, Friday, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

The Soviet vessel was not identi-

fied.

The freighter sent a distress

signal Thursday saying it had developed serious engine trouble about 600 kilometers southeast of Madras in huge waves whipped up by the cyclone.

Warning

The Madras Weather Office had said gales and tidal waves of up to 15 feet were expected to reach the coast of Andhra Pradesh state and fishermen were warned to stay ashore.

Madras police began evacuation from coastal areas Thursday because of the flood danger.



ORDEAL : His face etched with strain, Jeremy Thorpe arrives at Old Bailey for the first day of his trial on charges of conspiracy and incitement to murder.

Ends 4-day statement

Thorpe lied, prosecutor alleges

LONDON, May 12 (AP) — The prosecutor declared Friday that former Liberal Party leader Jeremy Thorpe lied in a statement to police and tried to tamper with witnesses as murder conspiracy charges developed against him.

Prosecutor Peter Taylor finally completed his opening statement about midway through the fourth day of the Old Bailey trial in which Thorpe, 50, and three associates are accused of plotting to kill former male model Norman Scott.

The prosecution contends Thorpe sought to kill Scott because the latter was threatening his political career by making damaging statements about him.

Taylor said that by the spring of 1977 Thorpe was also worried that the unsuccessful alleged murder plot would be detected.

"His mental turmoil and his fear can best be measured by the lengths to which he now went to try and protect himself," Taylor told the court.

"It comes to this. One has to say, regrettably, seeking to tamper with the witnesses or potential witnesses."

In addition to the conspiracy charge, Thorpe is accused of inciting his old friend and co-defendant David Holmes, 48, former deputy treasurer of the Liberal Party, to murder. All the defendants deny all the charges.

Taylor said Thorpe tried to persuade a friend, Nadir Dinsshaw, to lie about a cash donation, by Bahamas-based financier Jack Hayward, allegedly passed to one of the plotters to finance a murder contract.

Thorpe, who by then had resigned his party leadership over the scandal, also tried to persuade Hay-

ward to pressure Bessell to stay in his new home in America and not come back to Britain to give evidence.

The prosecution also introduced a statement given by police to Thorpe last June 3, five months before a preliminary hearing began in the case.

The statement declares that Thorpe only tried to help Scott out of "kindness" when the latter "was in a suicidal and unbalanced state."

Thorpe said in the statement, "I formed the opinion at an early stage on the limited number of occasions I was in his presence, that...he was becoming too dependent on me."

As to the suggestion that he plotted to kill Scott out of fear of exposure, Thorpe's statement said the allegations were known and ignored by the press and the major political parties and the Liberals were still thriving under his leadership.

"Against this background it is manifestly ludicrous to suggest either that I any longer considered that any public reliance would be placed upon the utterances of Scott, or that any measures were needed to deal with him, least of all the wholly unthinkable approach of conspiring to achieve his death, injury or otherwise," the June statement continued.

Taylor said Thorpe tried to persuade a friend, Nadir Dinsshaw, to lie about a cash donation, by Bahamas-based financier Jack Hayward, allegedly passed to one of the plotters to finance a murder contract.

The statement also denied Thorpe knew of the

disposition of money from Hayward that the pro-

secution says was in part used to pay ex-pilot Andrew Newton to kill Scott. It said the money was

given to himself personally and not to the Liberal

Party and that he had put it into an "iron reserve" to

be used in the case of campaign deficits.

Screaming pedestrian flees

Hordes of rats attack N.Y. city block

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP) — Hundreds of rats that threatened to overrun a city block were foiled again, this time by a Health and Sanitation Department team and a gigantic rat trap.

Horde of the filthy rodents, some of them 18 inches long and of the same type that carried bubonic plague in Europe during the Middle Ages, swarmed out of an excavation Friday and attacked pedestrians and cars.

A woman pedestrian was bitten as several of the animals reportedly wrapped themselves around her leg and nibbled at her. A witness said he saw blood stream down the screaming woman's leg.

Moments later, "in a state of hysteria," the woman jumped into a car and fled, the man told police.

Another passerby said he saw dozens of the rats jump onto a car and gnaw at the windshield wipers and the car's vinyl roof.

Health Department officials said they did not know what roused the rats from their breeding ground in the L-shaped excavation in lower Manhattan, a block from City Hall. The excavated lot had been the site of a bar and grill until nine years ago, when it was leveled by an explosion which killed nine people and injured 40 others. The rats had been there ever since, he said.

"For some reason they have gotten more brazen in the last several days," said Jean Cropper, deputy city health commissioner.

Another official said the rats

could have a litter of seven pups every three or four weeks. In a year, one female rat can have 30,000 descendants.

"Rats are everywhere," said 29-year-old Christy Rupp, who lives in the area. "They are very successful urban animals. They are king in New York. I saw 50 of them in three hours Thursday night."

Work crews from the Health Department's Bureau of Pest Control cleaned the site Friday,

spread poison bait, and rigged a mesh fence to keep the rats from fleeing.

"We will trap some of them

alive so we can comb them out and see what they have that is different from other rats in various parts of the city," Cropper said.

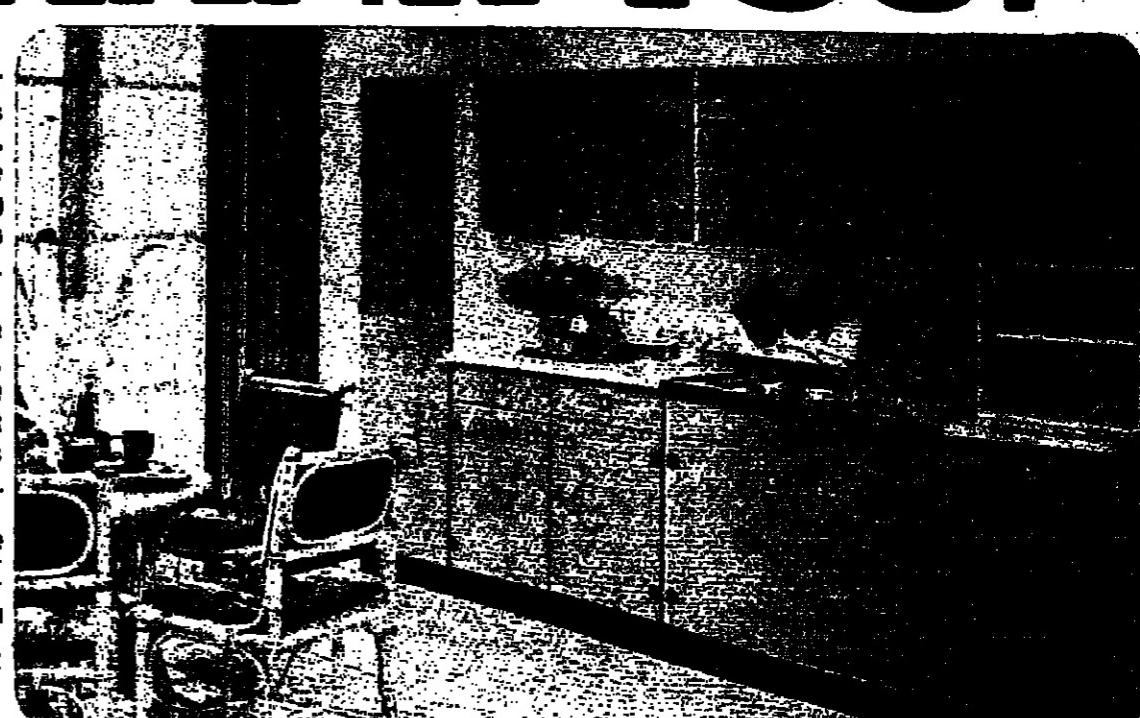
He added that his department would "tighten up the area" and do a building-by-building search to make sure the critters don't relocate.

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Soviet Union faces 'unstoppable' dissent, Ginzburg maintains

WASHINGTON, May 12 (Agencies) — Exiled Soviet dissident Alexander Ginzburg said Friday the protest movement in the Soviet Union is "unstoppable" because new dissidents take the place of those who are silenced.

"No matter how many people they put into prison, no matter how many people are put into exile, the numbers of people who speak out always remain the same," Ginzburg said.

"The numbers always will remain the same because people will always be coming up to take their places," he said. "This is a completely unstoppable process."

Ginzburg, one of five Soviet political prisoners who were exchanged last month for two Soviet spies, commented in testimony before the congressional Helsinki Commission, which attempts to monitor compliance by the Soviet Union with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Accords.

He spoke in Russian.

He said that while serving his sentence in a detention camp, he was told by other prisoners the names of 20 people reported to have been executed by the Soviet government "unbeknownst to the public."

He did not say whether these were political prisoners or whether they were charged with non-political crimes.

Ginzburg said his release in no way signals a softening in the Soviet attitude toward political dissidents.

"I cannot conceive of the possibility of the present regime becoming more liberal," he said.

He said that during his two years of imprisonment his interrogators constantly reminded him that he faced the death penalty.

"I realized this was not an empty threat when I heard one of my interrogators say, 'don't think we'll forgive you the billions the Soviet Union lost because you caused the trade agreement with the U.S. to fall through.'

Ginzburg said the reference was to the so-called Jackson-Vanik Amendment that links U.S. trade with the Soviet Union to observance of human rights, especially the right to emigrate.

"Although the Moscow Hel-

sinki Group was formed after Jackson-Vanik was adopted, the Soviet authorities clearly wanted to vent their spleen by shooting someone in retaliation," he said.

He asked for support for those who remain in the dissident movement, especially for those not well known in the West.

"I'm glad to announce that, despite all the arrests, the group is actively continuing its work, that new members have joined, and that our arrests have not deterred them," Ginzburg said.



Alexander Ginzburg
'Beachcomber,' U.K. humorist, dead at 85

LONDON, May 12 (AP) — John Bingham Morton, the renowned humorist "beachcomber" who created a comic world in the "Daily Express," has died aged 85, the newspaper reported Saturday.

Morton, whose "By the Way" column which he wrote by hand ran for 52 years, was regarded by many people as the father of modern British humour.

When Morton retired from journalism in 1975, he drew this tribute from Bernard Levin in the "Times":

"Beachcomber has achieved the richest and most sustained comic inventiveness of any English humorous writer in the entire history of the land. He has no peer, in his field, in the English language."

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Thatcher, Schmidt hold relaxed first conference

LONDON, May 12 (AP) — Margaret Thatcher, first woman to head a government in Europe, is no "soft touch", West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said Friday after two days of talks with her.

He added at a London news conference, "I guess she would not consider the Germans to be a soft touch either."

Schmidt, sitting alongside Mrs. Thatcher, said he didn't expect to have any problems dealing with the woman whose Conservatives ousted the Labor government in Britain's May 3 election.

1st IRA prison protestor released in North Ireland

BELFAST, May 12 (AP) — The man who started the Irish Republican Army prison protest in which over 300 convicted IRA men wear blankets, refuse to wash and live in their own filth, was released Friday, the Northern Ireland Office said.

Kieran Nugent, 21, was released from the Maze prison outside Belfast after completing a three-year term for IRA membership and illegal possession of a gun.

He started the IRA protest in the Maze in March 1976 to protest lack of political prisoner status for convicted IRA men held there.

The protesters refuse to wear prison uniforms, clean their cells or do prison chores, arguing they are political prisoners, not common criminals as the British government insists.

They wear prison blankets to

cover their nakedness, cover cell walls with sewage and pour it into the corridors.

The Roman Catholic Primate of all Ireland, Archbishop Tomas Fiaich said after visiting the prison last July: "One would hardly allow an animal to remain in such conditions, let alone a human being."

Prison authorities retort that the squalor in which the prisoners live is self-inflicted.

Nugent was met by members of his family as he stepped from the prison and was whisked away by senior officials of Sinn Fein, the legal political wing of the outlawed IRA.

Guerrillas of the mainly Catholic Provisional wing of the IRA are fighting to drive the British from predominantly Protestant Northern Ireland and unite it with the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic to the south.



(AP photo)

STILL SPY: Comedian Bob Hope, who used to take part in innumerable "Road" pictures with the late Bing Crosby, demonstrates that he is still spry in New York Tuesday, despite being in his seventies. He is shown acting in the WNET-TV "Dick Cavett Show."

Spanish monarch urges Afro-European dialogue

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast, May 12 (R) — King Juan Carlos of Spain, making his first visit to black Africa, has called for an inter-continental dialogue between Europe and Africa and said that his country could provide the link.

Because of Spain's historical links with Africa, no country was better placed to help launch such a dialogue for cooperation, he said.

The king, who arrived here Friday at the start of a week-long tour of three French-speaking African states, was speaking at a dinner in his honor Friday night.

French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing has also called for such cooperation between the two continents and is due to meet 15 African leaders in Kigali, Rwanda, within 10 days for one of the regular Franco-African summits.

Carlos said the Spanish Cortes (parliament) would soon be presented with legislation to enable the government to develop closer ties with Africa.

"Europe's destiny would be imperilled without an African world of independent, prosperous and peaceful people," he told Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouet-Boigny.

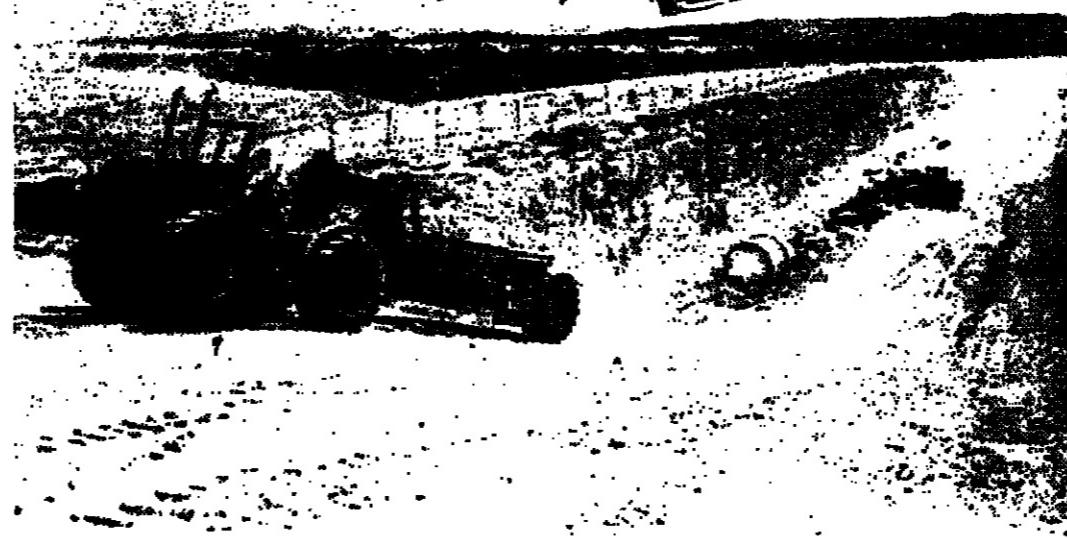
He said Spain would not restrict its cooperation to its few traditional partners in North and West Africa but would "extend those links and strengthen them throughout the African world."

Turning to bilateral cooperation, the monarch said bluntly,

He said the fact that he is a Socialist leader involved in talks with a Conservative prime minister was not a problem in the slightest."

The chancellor was asked whether he would have the same personal relationship with Mrs. Thatcher that he had with James Callaghan, the former Labor prime minister whom he usually called "my friend Jim."

"In international politics," Schmidt replied, "it does not really matter so much whether you are Republican or a Democrat, Labor or Conservative, a Social



WASTE DUMP: Nuclear waste disposal is a snag to New Mexico's uranium expansion. Here, low-level radioactive waste is being buried at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. A federal plan for an underground depository for high-level wastes near Carlsbad is becoming the state's most widely discussed issue. Opponents warn that it might result in New Mexico becoming known as "the Nuclear Waste Dump of the U.S."

No Chinese response

Hanoi accepts POW swap plan

PEKING, May 12 (R) — Vietnam agreed Saturday, under protest, to swap prisoners seized in the month-long frontier war with China, proposing a border crossing-point exchange May 21.

The surprise announcement by

Vice-Foreign Minister Phan Hien came at the fourth round of peace talks in Hanoi — hitherto dogged by argument since they opened April 18.

The Vietnamese minister turned down China's earlier suggestion of a first exchange May 19, a move which could mean fresh argument before any prisoners return home.

There was no immediate response from the Chinese Saturday. But some diplomats felt that Peking might accept the May 21 date, content with a big propaganda victory at a time when the peace talks are bogged down.

China claims to hold about 1,600 Vietnamese after freeing about 1,000 on the battlefield of Rhodesia.

Lifting the sanctions has become a real possibility since the recent Rhodesian elections to install a black majority government. The two senators said it would be a serious mistake.

They said it would severely damage U.S. relations with black African nations and call into question U.S. willingness to abide by treaty obligations under the United Nations Charter. The United States promised to follow the lead of the U.N. in imposing the sanctions.

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Kennedy, McGovern want Rhodesia ban continued

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP) — U.S. Senators Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and George McGovern (D-S.D.) said Friday they plan to work actively to block legislation to lift U.S. economic sanctions against Rhodesia.

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Six persons die in Philadelphia natural gas blast

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 12 (AP) — A natural gas explosion killed at least six people and injured 18 others as it leveled a tavern and an abandoned house in northeast Philadelphia, police say.

Friday's blast injured people up to a block away, knocked a passing motorist unconscious, and hurled an elderly man through a plate glass store window, according to police.

A 40-year-old woman was crushed by flying debris while waiting for a bus across the street from the tavern, police said.

Firemen continued Saturday to search the rubble for victims. Police Capt. Wilbert Levan said there was a possibility that one or two persons were still buried.

The king is expected to develop his idea of how Spain could act as a bridge between Europe and Africa during his visits to Guinea and Senegal next week.

Brigades vow to wreck Italian general elections

ROME, May 12 (R) — Red Brigades urban guerrillas handcuffed a Christian Democrat to his own staircase Friday and warned they would continue their war against the Italian general election on June 3 and 4.

Three members of the gang

raided the home of Giuseppe Merola, a leader of the Rome branch of the Christian Democratic Party, and handcuffed him to a metal hand-rail on the stairs of his home.

They hung a placard around his neck saying "Red Brigades let us destroy the Christian Democrats, strike the men of power in the poor districts" and photographed him before escaping.

They did not carry out the usual Red Brigades policy of shooting victims in the legs.

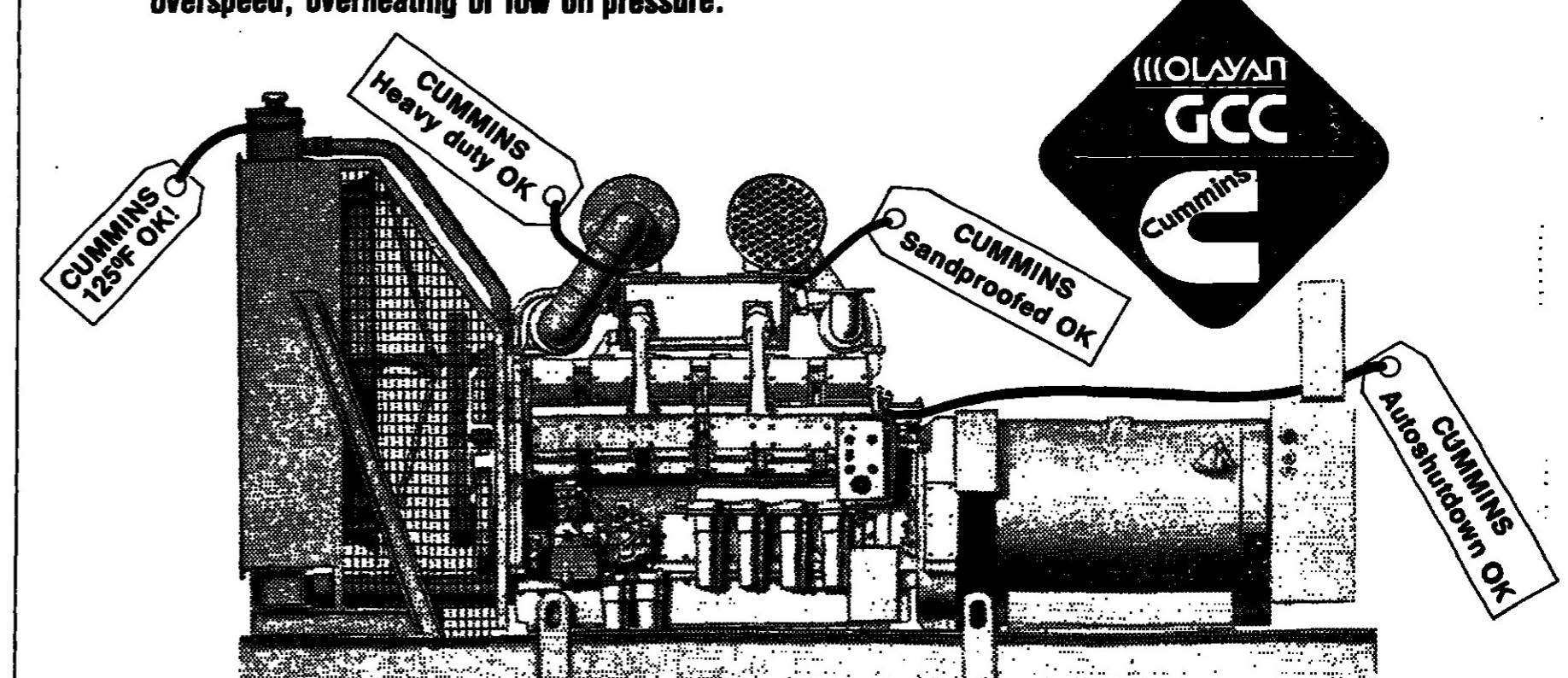
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NUCLEAR TRIGGER

The United States and the Soviet Union have announced a Vienna summit meeting for June 15 where Presidents Carter and Brezhnev are to sign the second six-year Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty. It is well and good that these two nations are trying to resist the temptation to immolate the world with nuclear weapons by setting limits for each other's destructive capability. They will, however, miss an invaluable opportunity at the SALT II summit if they fail to achieve anything about the most likely trigger for such a conflict — Israel.

The strongest nuclear alert ever declared occurred in October, 1973, when Israeli troops violated a ceasefire to cut off the Egyptian Third Army in the Sinai. The USSR told the United States it was sending in troops to enforce that ceasefire, since the Americans apparently lacked the will or authority to convince the Israelis to abide by it. President Nixon warned President Brezhnev off with his "red alert" for all U.S. military forces around the globe. Israel consolidated its after-the-fact gains with a reprimanding "tsk-tsk" from the Americans, leaving the whole world on the brink of an atomic conflagration.

Now the Israelis are busily tearing to shreds another document — the Camp David Framework for Peace — by proposing a ludicrous Palestinian autonomy plan for the occupied territories which seems incapable of fooling anybody. They are throwing supersonic aircraft and troops into Lebanon on a basis that is becoming routine for Tel Aviv.

Two years ago, Mr. Carter reached an agreement with the Soviet Union recognizing the need for a Palestinian homeland and an all-parties conference to settle the Middle East crisis. The American president subsequently endorsed his first roasting at the hands of Israeli supporters, and he blinked.

This U.S. backdown was followed by Mr. Sadat's strange journey to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, a process which demonstrated, if nothing else, Israel's ability to cow American presidents in negotiations as well as on Arab battlefields.

The Soviets have watched all of this unfold with sparse comment. Their anxiety has been with the U.S. Senate, where any SALT treaty signed by Mr. Carter must be approved before it can take effect. The Senate is in a war-like mood, and it is questionable whether any SALT treaty will be approved there.

Still, the Soviet Union has an obligation to its allies in the Arab world to see peace returned to the Middle East.

The Russians should press for a commitment from Mr. Carter to state once again the need for a Palestinian homeland, the need for an all-parties conference such as Geneva and the need to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization. They should hear what the U.S. position is on the return of all territories occupied by Israel during the 1967 war and by Israel's proxies in Lebanon in 1978.

Even if these steps further antagonize the U.S. Senate, they are necessary for the credibility of both the United States and the Soviet Union. Even more important, they are necessary if the superpowers are intent on defusing the Israeli trigger for another world war.

It is not a question of risking another SALT accord for the sake of winning points with the Arab world. It is a more fundamental matter of disarming the nuclear trigger at its source.

West Bank water politics

By William Claiborne

TEL AVIV — The politics of water will emerge as a major issue when negotiations begin later this month on the future of the occupied West Bank.

The dispute — born out of the premise that whoever controls the West Bank's water will control the West Bank — will be exacerbated by the effects of this winter's drought and growing fears in Israel that the underground water table is running precariously low.

Some officials already are beginning to warn that if Israel relinquishes control of West Bank water resources, Palestinians there could wreak havoc with the national supply and drive Jewish settlers out of the occupied territories by cutting off their water.

Underlying the issue also is a belief shared by each side that the other could overtake the underground reservoir and dangerously increase the salinity of wells.

"The main issue is, we don't have any unexploited resources of water, so that what is already there is of utmost concern," Meir Ben-Meir, Israel's water commissioner, said in an interview.

"I can tell you substantively, Israel must have a major say in how water resources will be managed if it doesn't want the destruction of the supply," Ben-Meir warned.

For their part, the 1.1 million Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank have shown almost no interest in any aspect of the autonomy negotiations scheduled to start at the end of this month. As a result, no clear position on the specific issue of water has surfaced. Egypt, acting as a self-appointed representative for the Palestinians, has made known, however, that control of water resources must be an integral part of autonomy.

Since no agenda for the autonomy negotiations has yet been fixed, it is not known when the water issue will come to a head. Nevertheless, diplomatic sources predict it will sooner or later dominate the talks and could lead to the first serious stalemate.

Israel draws a third of the 1.6 billion cubic meters of water it requires annually from the West Bank. It is unlikely it would willingly relinquish control of that resource to anyone, much less to historical antagonists.

Disputes with Arabs over water use go back for years. The most dramatic example came in 1964, when Israel diverted the Jordan River as part of a national irrigation plan and the Arab states threatened to turn away the water at its source, which could have ruined Israel.

In the 1967 war, Israel made certain it brought the Jordan River's source in Syria under its control.

Its reluctance to give up the Golan Heights is based, in part, on water needs.

At the heart of the problem is the fact that all potential water resources have been tapped and that a sharp rise in consumption on one side of the pre-1967 border would automatically mean a decline in available resources on the other side.

Soon after the 1967 war, when Jewish settlements began springing up in the West Bank, the Israeli military government began laying down harsh controls on Arab water use, refusing permission to Palestinians to sink new wells or enlarge existing ones. The controls extended even to the purchase of new parts for pumps and Palestinians long have complained they are economically repressed by the policy.

Compounding the problem has been intensive farming conducted by some Jewish settlements, meaning that a small percentage of the West Bank's inhabitants are using a disproportionate amount of water, further alienating Palestinians. Palestinian farmers have complained that the salt content of their wells have been rising steadily, endangering their crops.

A measure of how important the government regards the West Bank water source was revealed by a special interministerial committee appointed last year by Prime Minister Menahem Begin to draft negotiating positions on West Bank autonomy. The committee put high on its list a requirement that Israel retain effective control of West Bank water, to protect its own needs and to assure water for Jewish settlers in the West Bank.

Following up on the committee's recommendations, the Israeli cabinet recently made two key decisions: to book Israel's Jordan Valley settlements to the national system, thereby partly defusing the water-pirating charges, and to adopt "appropriate" rules for water use in the hills of the West Bank, with allowance for the coastal plains' dependence on water sources in the hills.

Begin, prodded by the National Religious Party ministers, has made it clear in public statements who will draft the rules for whom, and it has become obvious he does not envisage Palestinian autonomy as including control of water.

This already has infuriated Palestinian leaders, among them Hebron Mayor Fahd Kawasmeh, who said denial of water exploitation rights "doesn't even give us minimum autonomy."

Echoing Kawasmeh, other West Bank political leaders argue that the water policy will simply continue Palestinian dependence on Israeli authority under the guise of autonomy. (WP)

New army in Lebanon

By Thomas Lippman

YARZE, Lebanon —

A new group of armed men is beginning to appear more and more prominently alongside the foreign armies and private militias on Lebanon's confrontation lines. It's the army of Lebanon, perhaps the weakest and least motivated of all the armed organizations on the Lebanese battleground but showing signs of life at last.

Its presence in the field is still minimal. A few hundred outgunned men are cautiously trying to establish their authority in the ravaged suburbs of Beirut and a 500-man unit was deployed with United Nations troops in the buffer zone of the far south last month.

In Lebanon's law of the gun atmosphere, with Israeli bombing Palestinian camps, the Syrian army skirmishing with right-wing militias and the U.N. force confronting heavily armed Lebanese renegade troops, that isn't much. But it is more than the army has amounted to since the civil war and those modest deployments represent virtually the only sign of progress toward ending the country's long agony.

Officially, all factions in the zany Lebanese patchwork agree that the army is the only legitimate armed force and that all should cooperate so it can be rebuilt and restore law and order. In fact, however, the armed elements that dominate the country — Syrians, Israelis, private militias and Palestinians — hold the army in contempt, and none is prepared to rely on the army to protect its interests. As a result, the army is struggling against overwhelming odds to regain a shred of respectability, while the killing continues.

The top command has been reorganized under a new law aimed at making the army, traditionally dominated by Christians, more politically acceptable to all sides. With recruits being trained and modest amounts of equipment coming in, the army is less of a national embarrassment than it was.

The deployment to the south, even though it drew shelling that apparently provoked some desertsions and exposed the army's overall weakness, was still welcomed as the first time in years that a Lebanese force of mixed religion and background had met any test in the national interest.

Here at the defense ministry on the main road to Damascus, snappy-looking recruits are marching around and pitching tents, and brisk NCO's are pushing around in new Land Rovers.

But the army is nowhere near ready to take on the real tasks confronting it — restore order in an anarchic country, challenge the private militias, supplant the Syrian army as the source of authority in Lebanon and, most difficult of all, serve as the catalyst for a nationwide political reconciliation.

"We know we can't restore order by force," said Maj. Mahmoud Matar, the army's information chief. "That would take 50,000 men. We can only restore order if there is a national political accord." But, in what newspapers accurately called a classic

chicken-and-egg situation, the development of that accord, if attainable at all, depends on the reorganization and development of the army.

These are taking place, but very slowly and not without challenge.

The government of Pres. Elias Sarkis hopes that reorganization of the army command, will be followed by the resignation of the cabinet of technocrats that has been trying to run the country since the end of the civil war in 1976 and the installation of a consensus cabinet of political figures.

They would then work on a national agreement that would end the divisions that have ruined the army itself, let alone in the country at large.

For example, under the new law, the posts of defense minister and army commander must be held by different men. Lt.-Gen. Victor Khoury chose the defense portfolio, leaving the commander's post open. His logical successor, according to military sources, is a respected brigadier, Mumir Tarabey, but the same unwritten law that says the president of Lebanon must always be a Maronite Christian applies to the command of the army. Gen. Tarabey is a Druze, so he became acting commander while the search goes on.

The Lebanese army, disintegrated during the civil war of 1973-76. Some troops stayed in their barracks, some joined one faction or another, and many simply went home.

Now, according to Maj. Matar, the army's paper strength has been rebuilt to the pre-war level of about 18,000. He said nearly 5,000 of the pre-war members have been weeded out or forced to retire, replaced by "a new breed" who have a "sense of national duty." He acknowledged that the army's high salaries are an inducement. With raw recruits drawing a base pay of about \$ 200 a month, conscription has not been necessary, but that also means the government has not had to face a test of whether it is strong enough to enforce conscription.

Military sources in Beirut say the army is now about 51 per cent Muslim and 49 per cent Christian, and the percentage of Christians in the officer corps has been reduced from 63 per cent to 54 per cent. Many of the new junior officers are Muslims.

That and the provisions of the new law limiting the formerly absolute authority of the commander are said to have increased Muslim support for the army as a whole. But Western analysts say the number of effective troops ready for duty is still no more than 6,000 because many units are so dominated by one group or the other that they cannot be deployed without causing more tension than they relieve.

"It's better than it was," one expert said, "but they have a long way to go. The fabric of the army is so delicate it could be destroyed overnight and the whole place could blow up any second." (WP)

'The Kreisky effect'

By Sue Masterman & Anton Koere

VIENNA,

"The reason that the Socialists won in Austria and lost in Britain is that the Austrian Socialists have managed to avoid all the mistakes which the British Socialists have made," says Bruno Kreisky. The recent general elections have put the Austrian chancellor back in power for a third period of office at the head of a Socialist majority government.

"The Kreisky effect" was the main argument given after the elections for the unexpectedly high gains for the Socialists and the equally unexpected defeat of the Christian Democrats. The Socialists more than doubled their majority, increasing their share of the 183 parliamentary seats from 93 to 96. The Christian Democrats dropped from 80 to 76 seats and the Liberals gained marginally, from 10 seats to 11.

After nine years of Socialist-dominated rule it was the opposition aim to break the back of the Socialist majority, giving the chance of a right-wing coalition. They lost because, the commentators in Austria now say, they have no real alternative to offer to the government's present policies.

The Kreisky government aims to keep down unemployment and prices at all costs, even if it means a massive increase in the national debt. So far it has succeeded.

Officially unemployment is under two per cent, unofficially around three per cent. Even if it rises, as predicted, during the next six months the Austrians are in a better position than most of their West European neighbours, whose unemployment rates stand at around seven per cent. The Austrian rate of inflation, around 4.5 per cent, also remains one of the lowest.

Kreisky scored a tactical victory in separating the election from the atomic energy issue. The chancellor called for a referendum last November in which the Austrians, against the government's advice, rejected the use of atomic energy by a very narrow majority. Had this issue been incorporated in the election campaign, the Socialists might have lost the narrow majority gained in the previous two elections.

The Socialists also won because Kreisky

saudi press review



Rolls-Royce reaches 75

LONDON— Seventy-five years ago, a tiny, 1.8-liter-engine car designed by electrical engineer Henry Royce left a factory in Manchester for a test run. The test was a success and attracted the interest of Charles Rolls, a wealthy racing motorist and engineer. Together, the two men founded Rolls-Royce Limited, and the rest of the story is well known to motorists around the world.

From those early days in 1904, the two men designed, developed and extended their range. Four and six-cylinder cars followed, including the 1906 model later known as the Silver Ghost.

In 1978, Rolls-Royce produced 3,347 cars, some 60 per cent of which were made for the export market.

The company's latest model is the two-door, five-seat Rolls Royce Camargue. It has a 6,750 c.c. aluminum alloy V8 engine, stressed steel chassis, aluminum doors, trunk and hood and fully automatic air conditioning.



The Rolls-Royce Camargue

Resistance continues in Afghanistan

By Thomas W. Lippman

JALALABAD, Afghanistan—On the snow-topped mountains and in the remote sunless valleys of eastern Afghanistan, stubborn Muslim tribesmen are fighting a sputtering but determined war of resistance against the country's leftist government.

It is one of the least accessible conflicts of modern times, a hit-and-run campaign in mountainous terrain where there are few roads, few telephones, education in a distant capital, Kabul, and in the frequent tries not to acknowledge the size of what is taking place.

Most of the wire in the capital of Nuristan, the province, site of a major air raid, is little sign of the fight. In the worst of the mountains just to the east of here and a camel station is stationed at the Khyber Pass.

According to sketchy accounts available here and in the Afghan refugee center in Peshawar, across the border in Pakistan, a classic civil war is unfolding, matched by a determined local war. With limited weapons against Soviet jets and artillery of the Swiss-trained Afghan armed forces.

This year's pocket war may be unique in that it pits deeply conservative, devoutly religious guerrillas against a leftist government trying to establish its revolutionary program in the hills as it has in Kabul.

The tribesmen are resisting, just as they resisted 50 years ago when the king of Afghanistan tried to force them to unveil their women. This time they are said to be even more determined because they consider themselves to be defending Islam against atheists.

Even more than other such conflicts, it is a war without statistics and a war without reliable accounts of what is happening. The government, insisting that the entire country is secure, gives out no reports on the fighting, and the rebels have no central headquarters and no radio transmitter.

Two rival groups of Afghan exiles, operating out of bare, chilly offices in reeking alleys in Peshawar, claim leadership of the resistance.

Their occasional press releases contain what appear to be exaggerated and self-serving statistics—1,197 government soldiers killed, three helicopters downed. But, their contacts with the estimated 30,000 Afghan refugees in the Peshawar area and regular visits from fighters who cross into Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province in search of arms provide much of the information available on the conflict.

One of the groups is the Islamic Society of Afghanistan, headed by Burhanuddin Rabbani, 38, former professor of Islamic theology at Kabul University. The other is the Islamic Party of Afghanistan, led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, 32, former engineering student.

Both claimed in recent interviews to be in overall command of the insurgency. They denounced the Kabul government of Premier

Nur Muhammad Taraki as communistic, atheistic and repressive, and said they are trying to turn the hill country resistance into a nationwide campaign to oust Taraki in favor of an Islamic republic, like Iran.

Experienced observers of Afghan affairs, however, say it is doubtful that the guerrillas are taking orders from anyone or that they really care much about who is in power in Kabul.

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"They're holding out against an alien, atheist program," one informed source said. "It's not the social aspect they object to, the land reform, but the antireligious aspect."

Recent arrests by the Kabul government of prominent religious figures are reported to have reinforced the tribes' determination to resist.

Senior diplomats here believe that government troop losses amount to several hundred at least and that the rebels have been building up their strength with captured weapons. The rebels have no known regular source of arms and ammunition, but there are reliable reports of purchases on the thriving Pakistani market.

Armed clashes in Nuristan have apparently resulted in substantial casualties and defections among government troops. The government has responded with air strikes but the planes have few rewarding targets in a region without population centers.

The conflict, though generally confined to four provinces along the Pakistan border, gives some signs of spreading and is taking on regional implications.

Although Pakistan, a Muslim country suspicious of the Kabul government, has officially dissociated itself from the rebellion, it allows the dissident organizations to operate in Peshawar. Pakistan says it is incapable of stopping arms traffic across the long, mountainous frontier.

Both the Afghan government and the dissidents appear dissatisfied with this—the government because Pakistan is not doing enough to control the rebels, the rebels because Pakistan will not give them arms and funds or allow them to make radio broadcasts across the border.

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confirm interference."

He could not name the source of the alleged interference, but it was understood that he meant Pakistan.

Iran is not yet directly involved.

But the recent success of the revolution there has lifted the spirits of the Islamic Society and the Islamic Party and perhaps the fighters in the hills as well.

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Paintings of an exiled aristocrat

By Joyce Prince

RIYADH — Her paintings are contemplative, focused on the pastoral landscape of Tirolian Austria. She follows a Classical school of representation, but adds the rough texture of palette knives and color schemes so bold that they overpower the subtlety of the subjects.

It is the sort of painting one might expect from an exiled aristocrat, and that, one generation removed, is what Princess Xenia Scherbatoff is.

The Princess, 48, is from a St. Petersburg family that found its zenith under the czars before Petersburg became Leningrad and imperial Russia became the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

For the last week, Scherbatoff has been staging an exhibition of oil paintings here at the Al-Nahda Philanthropic Society, under the patronage of Princess Nous ibn Abdul Aziz.

"My first teacher was my mother, who started me with the paintings of flowers," Scherbatoff says. "Perhaps that explains why they are what I love to paint the most."

The Scherbatoff family fled St. Petersburg under the shadows of a world war and Bolshevism, first to Cannes and later in Paris. It was in Paris that the Princess first began studying art, at the age of 17, eventually settling on palette knives and paste to communicate the chemistry of her emotions and perceptions.

"It brings much more life to a painting, makes it much more striking in contact than the brush," she explains.

The paste, "medium d'Empattement," thicken the oils for tactile and sensual bulk and dries quickly. Thus the solidness and quiet of her mountains, the

serenity of her autumnal landscapes.

There were several schools in Paris during her early years as an artist, the searching years. Then, like other women with innate abilities, Princess Xenia's career was interrupted by war, travel and the raising of children.

"I was unable to paint during these times, but all while I felt my talent very close within," she says. "When I was finally able to pursue my painting fulltime, it all just spilled out on canvas, at times even surprising myself."

Her use of color was the one item she found most surprising. She applies color spontaneously, judging the result when the consequence is in hand. All the while, she has retained a consistent motivation to recreate the beautiful scenes around her.

Most of those scenes now are of Austria, where she and her husband live in a Tirolian chalet. She works from photographs of the countryside:

"Today very few artists work from the actual scene site. The light changes so rapidly, and too, we are all so mobile these days."

For the artist, the exhibition is the culmination of a painstaking involvement in a private universe suddenly made public. It honors the finances, but above all it reconstructs the changing experience necessary in the struggle for perception.

"The changes are always very evident in my exhibitions," Scherbatoff says. "Every display is a big effort, and I feel I make a big league of improvement through them."

Her exhibitions have been held in Paris, Nassau, New Orleans, Geneva, Beirut and, last November, at the Altair Gallery in Kuwait. There are different canvases for different audiences.



Princess Xenia Scherbatoff

France's oldest art salons, her work was selected along with that of 100 other French artists by the Soviet Ministry of Culture that year for two exhibitions in the USSR. One was held at the Pushkin Museum in Moscow. The second took place at the Hermitage Palace, in Leningrad.



Scherbatoff with Tirolian landscapes

The Riyadh exhibition is open through Sunday, May 13, at the Al Nahda Philanthropic Society's headquarters in Suleimaniya, from 9 a.m. — 1 p.m. and again from 5 — 8 p.m. Women only.

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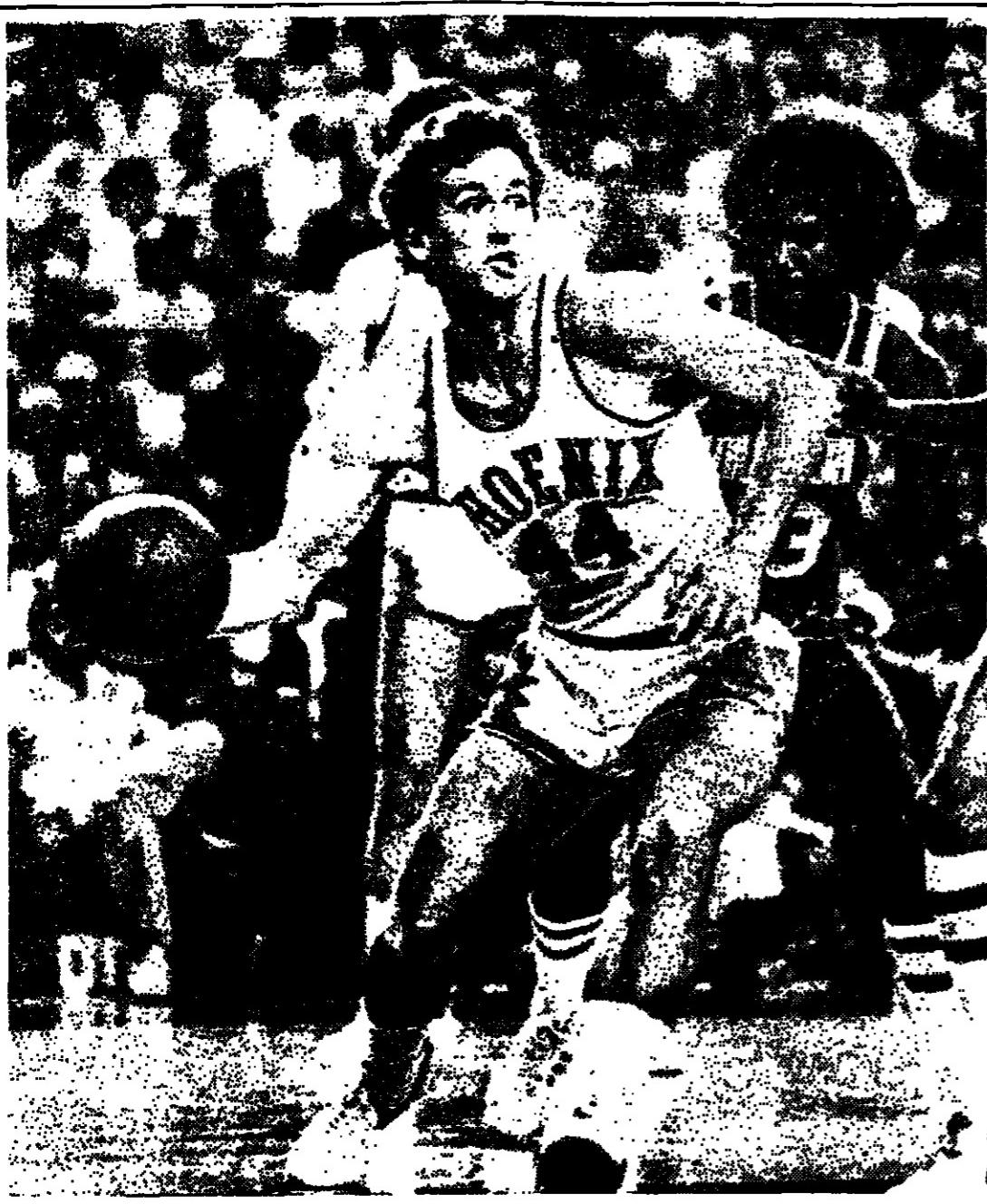
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WESTPHAL : Phoenix' Paul Westphal poured in 27 points as the Suns rallied to overcome the Sonics and go 3-2 up in the playoff.

Spurs, Suns set for title clash

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs and the Phoenix Suns are within one victory each of facing each other in the National Basketball Association championship series after triumphs Friday night.

The Spurs took a commanding three-games-to-one lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference

finals by drubbing the defending NBA champion Washington Bullets, 118-102. Regular-season scoring champ George Gervin was a one-man gang for San Antonio with 42 points — 20 of them in the third quarter, when the Spurs took command of the game.

The Suns took a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference finals, also a

best-of-seven set, with a 99-93 victory over the defending conference Champion Seattle SuperSonics.

The Suns rallied from a five-point half time deficit for the victory. Paul Westphal led Phoenix with 27 points.

Both the Spurs and Suns can earn berths in the finals with victories Sunday.

But stays ahead

Watson slides in Dallas mud

DALLAS, May 12 (AP) — Battling miserable playing conditions, defending champion Tom Watson struggled to a two-over-par 72 Friday to own the 36-hole lead in the clubhouse in the weather-battered \$ 300,000 Byron Nelson golf classic, with darkness catching almost a third of the field before play could be completed.

Watson lost two strokes to par

U.S. can capture Seoul basketball

SEOUL, May 12 (AP) — The United States kept alive its hope for the title by outclassing France, 80-59, and Italy defeated Japan, 63-50, Saturday with only one more day to go at the 8th World Women's Basketball Championship.

Entering the final day with a 4-1 record, the Americans meet unbeaten Canada Sunday in the tournament's crucial showdown for the championship.

over the swamped Preston Trail Golf Club after his opening round of six-under-par 64. He finished at four-under-par 136.

Australia's Bruce Devlin hung on with a one-over-par 71 after an opening round of 66 to stay within a stroke of Watson, a two-time winner here and the current money leader on the professional tour.

Players with a chance to catch Watson when second round play resumed Saturday morning included Larry Nesun, who holed a 162-yard, 4-iron shot for an eagle on the No. 2 hole and was seven-under-par for the tournament with two holes to play.

Others also in contention when play was halted were Lanny Wadkins, who was five-under-par with two holes to play, George Burns, who was five-under with three holes left and Calvin Peete, who was four-under-par also with

three left.

It was a long, muddy day for Watson who had to tee off at 8 a.m. to play one hole to complete Thursday's opening round.

Heavy rain, winds gusting to 17 mph and 55-degree temperatures numbed the early players. Watson went bogey, double bogey, par and bogey on the final four holes after the first rain delay.

Watson was eight under after touring the front nine of the course in a two-under-par 33. He stumbled home in four-over-par 39. He hooked a drive into a water-filled ravine on the par-four 16th hole, got on the green in four and two-putted.

In Atlanta, Ga. Pam Higgins, a 10-year veteran fighting tendonitis in both elbows, fired a six-under-par 67 Friday and surged into a two-shot lead in the opening round of a \$ 100,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament.

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INDUSTRIAL SECURITY, YANBU

The Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) plans to implement a contract for the above project.

The contract covers the manning of three gates by watchmen on a twentyfour (24) hour basis. The location is Aramco's construction site at Yanbu and the duration of the contract would be one (1) year beginning July 1, 1979.

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The last date for submitting the pre-qualification document is May 26, 1979.

Palace clinches 2nd Division ; Liverpool still on record track

LONDON, May 12 (R) — Crystal Palace clinched the English Second Division soccer championship and promotion to Division One by beating Burnley, 2-0, here Friday night.

A point would have put the London club up but Burnley held out until the 77th minute when Ian Walsh headed home from Vince Milne's cross. Dave Swindlehurst hit the second two minutes from time.

Arsenal went into Saturday's

Football Association Cup Final

against Manchester United knowing it may have to win to ensure a place in one of the European competitions next season.

Ipswich put the pressure on their European Football Union (UEFA) Cup hopes by beating Queen's Park Rangers, 4-0. Rangers was watched by new manager Tommy Docherty, the former Derby boss.

Goals by Eric Butcher, Alan

Brazil and Eric Gates (two)

swamped Rangers and gave Ipswich a total of 49 points and a goal difference of 14.

Arsenal, with one game to play,

is two points adrift and has a goal difference of 13.

Docherty was set to take over relegated Queen's Park Rangers

for the second time in his controversial career.

Docherty managed the London club in 1968 but left after just 29 days after a row with chairman Jim Gregory.

He said: "It was the chairman who enticed me back. He is a man of decision like myself and showed he wanted me again."

Results

English League

Division One

Villa 0 WBA

Middlesbro' 0 Liverpool

QPR 0 Ipswich

Division Two

Cardiff 0 West Ham

Palace 2 Burnley

Oldham 4 Millwall

Division Three

Mansfield 2 Lincoln

peterborough 3 Hull

Sheff. Wed. 2 Swindon

Swansea 2 Cheshire

Division Four

Croydon 2 Rotherham

Wimbledon 2 York

Scottish League

Premier Division

Patrick 1 Aberdeen

St. Mirren 0 Celtic

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP) — Detroit's Mark "The Bird" Fidrych, making his first regular-season American League home appearance in more than a year, was victimized by three Milwaukee runs in the sixth inning Friday night — two on double by Paul Molitor — and the Brewers defeated the Tigers 5-1.

In the National League, Doug Rau of the Los Angeles Dodgers came within four outs of pitching the season's second no-hitter, then settled for a one-hit, 7-0 rout of the Montreal Expos.

Lary Sorenson of the Brewers scattered five Detroit hits while Fidrych, coming slowly back from arm injuries, lost his first decision of the year. The only damage off Sorenson was a leadoff homer in the fifth by Lance Parrish.

The Brewers' sixth began with a leadoff double by ex-Tiger Ben Oglivie. One out later, Fidrych walked Gorman Thomas intentionally, then Ray Fosse doubled home Oglivie and chased Fidrych. Jack Billingham struck out Buck Martinez but Molitor doubled to left.

In another Al game, Carl Yastrzemski and Butch Hobson had two hits apiece in an eight run fourth inning as the Boston Red Sox battered the Oakland A's 11-2.

Don Baylor hit a three-run homer in the fourth inning and Jim

Brass scattered eight hits for his

first Al victory as the California

Angels defeated the New York

Yankees, 4-1. Reggie Jackson

homered for the Yanks.

Ninth-inning doubles by Ron

Jackson and Bob Randall broke a

tie and gave the Minnesota Twins a

4-3 victory over the Cleveland



Brewers spoil return of Detroit's Bird, 5-1

Indians.

Bill Nahorodny and Ralph Ga-

cracked two-run homers to lea-

the Chicago White Sox to a 5-

victory over the Kansas City Ra-

ys.

The Baltimore Orioles' homers from Al Bumby and Joe

Lownstein and six-hit pitchin

from Steve Stone to end the Sc

Mariners, 8-3.

In the Los Angeles-Montre

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the Expos and get his first victo

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The Dodgers' WPs

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Bob Forsch's no-hit bid.

garded the Atlanta Braves' de

triump

over the St. Louis

Braves on April 7.

Barry Foote's run-scoring

highlighted a three-run

inning for Chicago and the

Carter officials considering odd-even rationing

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP) — Officials in the administration President Jimmy Carter, their plan for standby rationing authority scuttled by Congress, are debating whether to draw up an odd-even plan for gasoline sales in the United States.

Unlike rationing, which would be used in case of a severe oil shortage, the odd-even sales plan would be designed for use in short notice. The plan, already in use in parts of California, limits gasoline sales on even-numbered days to cars with even-numbered license plates; and likewise on odd-numbered days.

It is still unclear whether the president has authority to impose an odd-even plan on a national scale. And it is not yet clear whether White House officials will decide to draw one up, sources say. But it is very clear Carter will not propose another rationing plan.

After rewriting his own proposal several times, the president took standby rationing authority from the Senate. But the House rejected the plan Thursday in a 46-159 vote that Carter said left him "shocked and embarrassed at our nation's government."

Role of dollar seen declining by U.S. official

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP) — Anthony Solomon, U.S. Undersecretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs, predicted Friday that the role of the dollar will gradually decline in the world.

He said the United States does not wish to pre-empt a particular role for the dollar.

"The dollar's present role is itself the product of an evolutionary process — a process that will continue, and that may bring a reduction in the dollar's relative role in the future," he said.

The size of the U.S. economy has declined, compared with the rest of the world, over the past 20 years, he noted. In 1960, the United States produced 30 per cent of all the goods and services in the world. In 1978, that was down to 23 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

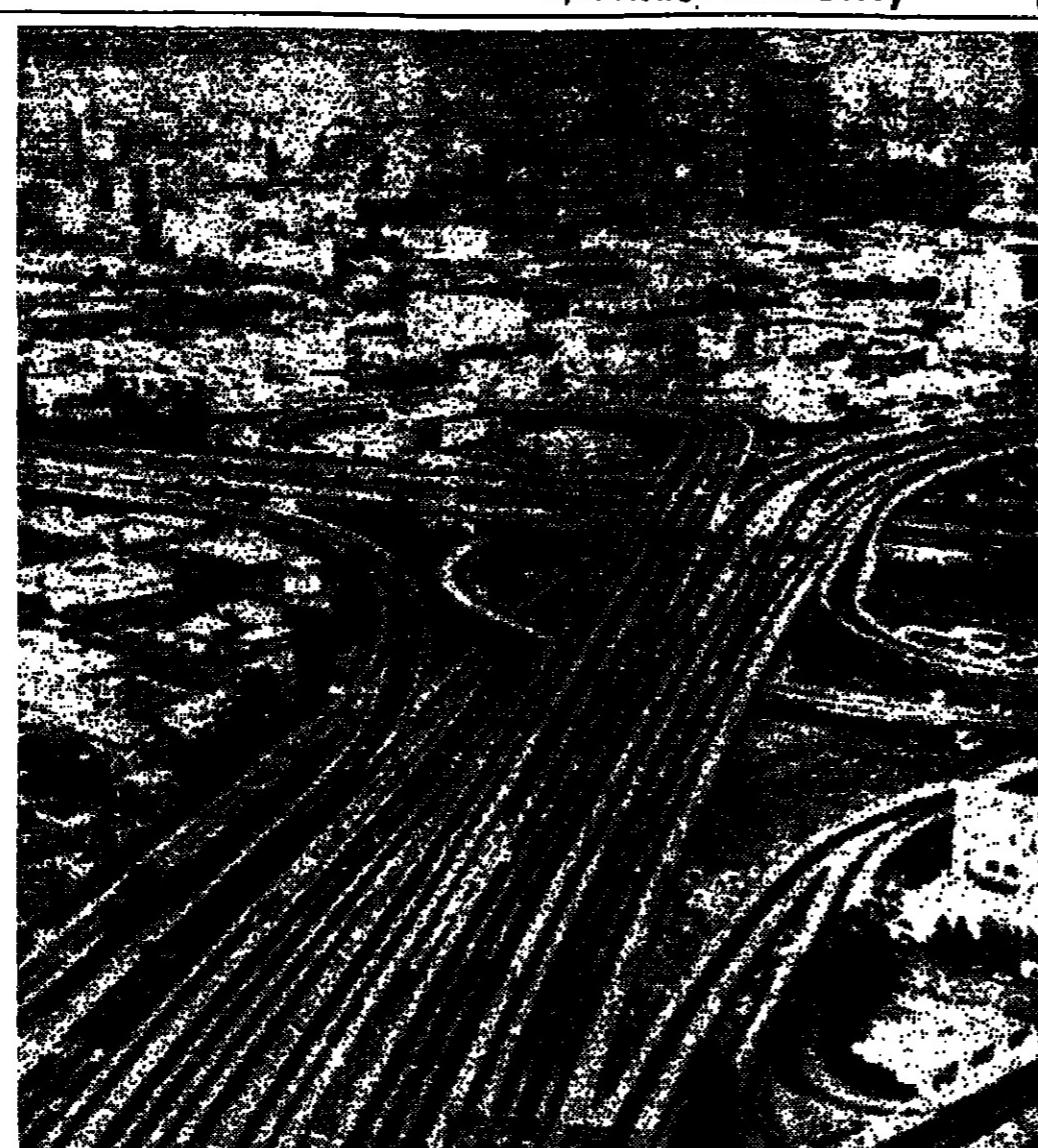
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U.S. Dollar	3.38	3.39	3.39
Pound Sterling	6.94	7.05	7.02
Deutsche Mark (100)	178.00	178.75	178.60
Swiss F (100)	197.000	198.50	197.75
French F (100)	77.00	77.75	77.50
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.02	4.02
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	105.50	104.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	76.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound	—	4.70	4.56
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.21
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.14	11.10
Emirati Dirham (100)	—	88.50	88.20
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	89.50	90.00
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.90	8.85
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	41.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	74.50	74.50
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	76.75	87.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	40.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	27.350	—
Gold kg	—	3.100	—
10 Tolas bar	—	—	1,000
Silver kg bar	1.58	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	2.93	—	—
Canadian dollar	1.12	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.64	—	—
Dutch guilder	—	—	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency Exchange and Commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah. Tel.: 23815

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Education	Maintaining of ministry's engineering department building	22/M	1000	June 2
Directorate General of Girls' Colleges	Scientific apparatus and chemical materials	15-98/99	500	July 7
Department of Water & Sewage, Eastern Province	Spare parts of crane model MT-9	4K-98/99	100	June 5
Saudi Red Crescent Society, Riyadh	Supplying of drugs and Chemical materials	—	300	June 2
Directorate of the National Guard	Supplying of medical equipment	—	150	May 27
	Construction of a power machine room in Bahra and Medina	18-98/99	500	May 21



SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME? This normally packed Los Angeles freeway interchange is almost deserted last Sunday morning. With most California gas stations remaining closed over the weekend because of short supplies, this scene could become a more common one. Pictured is the intersection of the Santa Monica and Harbor Freeways in downtown Los Angeles.

Many stations closed

U.S. gas hunt on for weekend

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP) — Some drivers on American highways are finding normal supplies of gasoline this weekend. Others find no gas at all. But the hunt for fuel could become more desperate next weekend if dealers' associations make good a threat to close their stations for four days.

In Wisconsin, fewer than half the stations checked by the Automobile Association of America planned to close Sunday. AAA officials predicted most Colorado residents outside Denver, where 75 per cent of the stations were to close, should find stations open Sunday.

The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce urged residents of that Nevada city to buy their gas during the week, leaving weekend supplies for tourists. Florida's energy office said there were reports of weekend closings in central and southern counties.

Meanwhile, gasoline dealers upset at federal price controls have threatened to close their stations from May 17 to May 20. The U.S. Justice Department said Friday it could seek a court order to halt the protest if an investigation showed the associations were cooperating in violation of antitrust laws.

While the spotlight has been on the gasoline shortages, a growing shortage of diesel fuel could deal a staggering blow to America's farming, mining and fishing industries.

"The exchange's initial reaction to the merger suggestion was positive, if less than enthusiastic," the SIA memo said. "Each body appointed a committee to study and negotiate the basic contours of a merger and extensive talks were held."

But the talks soon bogged down on antitrust issues and other problems as well.

For one thing, the idea evidently met with a chilly reception from a number of the blue chip companies listed on the big board. "An NYSE poll of its listed companies appeared to reveal a strong concern that merger with the Amex would dilute the value which those companies felt attached to their listings," as the memo put it.

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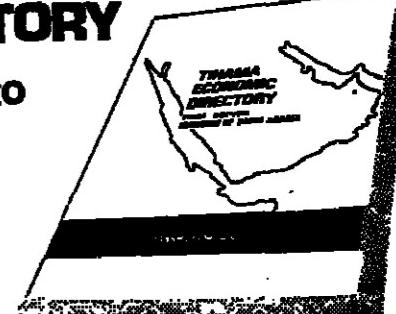
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NEW YORK

	May 11	Ruble	May 11 Opening Prices	
USA	2,420.00-2,430.00	2,430.00-2,450.00	COTTON	2,500.00-2,510.00
Canada	2,280.00-2,315.00	2,280.00-2,320.00	CAN	84.30-84.50
France	8,975.00-9,075.00	8,975.00-9,075.00	FED	4,304.00-4,305.00
Belgium	8,750.00-8,850.00	8,750.00-8,850.00	LIT	847.50-848.00
Italy	112.25-114.25	112.25-114.25	DFL	2,040.00-2,040.00
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Switzerland	1,05.00-1,07.00	1,05.00-1,07.00	TDMK	1,05.00-1,05.00
W. Germany	3,085.00-3,095.00	3,085.00-3,095.00	YEN	13.95-14.97
Norway	8,975.00-9,075.00	8,975.00-9,075.00	AESCH	5.20-5.25
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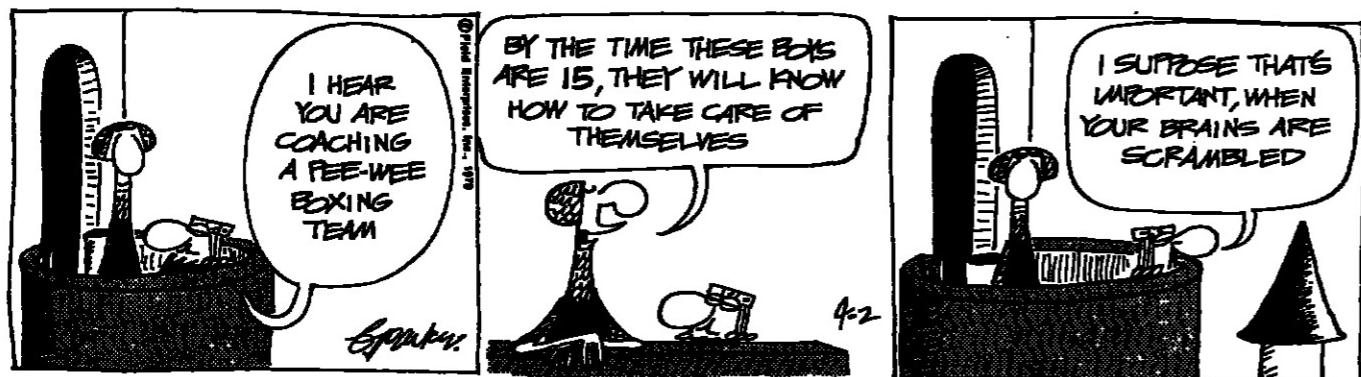
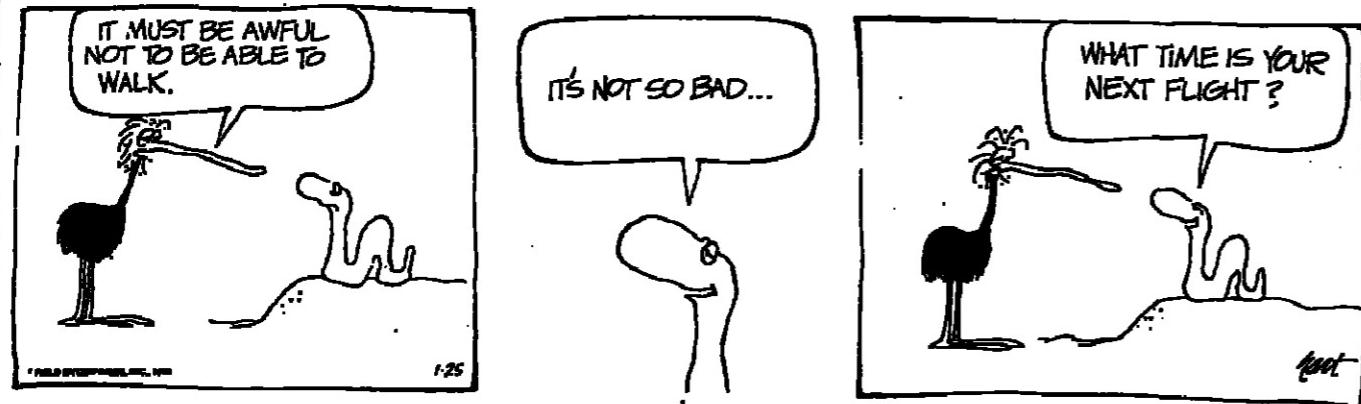
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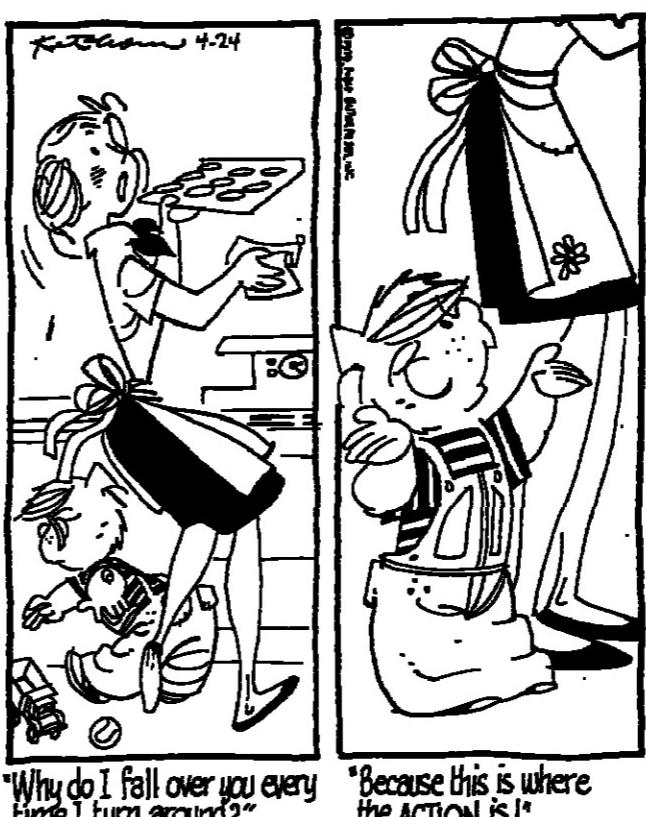
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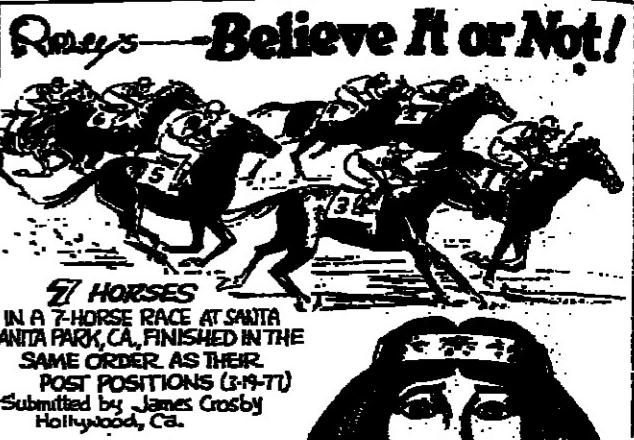
WIZARD



Dennis the Menace



"Why do I fall over you every time I turn around?"
"Because this is where the ACTION is!"



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

Across
 1 Churchill's daughter
 6 icy
 11 Texas cottonwood
 12 Sofix with joy
 13 Wyoming national monument
 15 Dutch commune
 16 Spring
 17 Mad pimp
 21 Holy place
 24 Metrical unit
 25 Found out
 26 Have coming
 27 French river
 28 Central American export
 29 Singing bird
 31 Swiss river
 32 King: Sp.
 33 Motor cycling group
 39 Zodiacal sign
 40 Honkers
 41 Backside
 42 Out of — DOWN
 1 Vic's radio mate
 2 Syrian city
 3 Go into a frenzy
 4 Eleven's friend

Down
 2 D.C. Army company
 5 Bribe; influence
 7 Disappearing act of sorts
 8 The bar
 9 Sofix with joy
 10 German article
 14 French port
 17 Shopper stoppers
 22 Dancer with many fans
 23 Thin Man
 26 Napoleonic victory site
 28 Silent film beauty
 30 With "demi," it means "coffee"
 32 Franklin's tongue: abr.

Yesterday's Answer

22 In our

23 Different

24 Belgian

25 River

26 Producer

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30 Historic

32 Time span

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5-8

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
 AX YDLBAAXE
 is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

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 BTGHR ITGUS FAFBNWS
 Yesterday's Cryptogram: ENJOY THE LITTLE YOU HAVE,
 WHILE THE FOOL IS HUNTING FOR MORE.—SPANISH
 SAYING

Contract Bridge ♦ B. Jay Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH ♦ 7 6 4 ♠ A Q J 10
 ♦ 9 8 7 5 3 2 ♠ K 8 4
 ♦ 7 4 ♠ Q 9 8 3 ♠ A 10 9
 ♦ 6 5 ♠ 4 3 ♠ 2WEST EAST
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 ♦ 6 5 ♠ 4 3 ♠ 2SOUTH ♠ A Q J 9 8 5 3 2
 ♠ 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 ♠ A 10 9
 ♠ 6 5 ♠ 4 3 ♠ 2

The bidding:

West North East South
 Pass Pass 10 4 ♠
 Pass Pass Pass
 Opening lead — seven of diamonds.

Declarer naturally assumed that East had the missing K-10 of trumps. Accordingly, in an effort to avoid losing a trump trick, South played the ace and a low club at this point. He was planning to ruff a third round of clubs in dummy as soon as possible and then take the marked trump finesse.

Also, South's plan did not succeed. East took declarer's club return with the nine and led a fourth round of diamonds. South ruffed with the nine, overruffed by West with the king, and West returned a low club, taken by declarer with the ace.

South now proceeded to make four spades. He led the

ace of trumps and then played a low trump to dummy's six. After cashing the ace of hearts and discarding a club, declarer continued with the queen of hearts, planning to discard if East followed low. But East covered with the king, ruffed by declarer, and South then returned to dummy with a low trump to the seven and discarded his ten of clubs on the jack of hearts, thus making the contract.

At the second table, where Dominique Pilon, an up-and-coming young star, held the West hand, four spades went down one. Again three rounds of diamonds were led, and again declarer ruffed with the nine. But here young Pilon did not drop a heart.

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PRAYER TIMES

Sunday	Fajr	Ishaq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:25	5:50	12:24	3:42	6:53	8:23
Medina	4:17	5:37	12:24	3:51	6:58	8:28
Nejd	3:51	5:18	11:57	3:22	6:29	7:59

DAHHRAN TV

4:30 Childrens Show	Electric Co.: 436, Kidsworld:
5:37 Superman	Jimmy The Kid
6:02 W.W. World of Animals	What the Dolphin Knows
6:25 Celebrity Cooks	Patrick Hacne
6:50 Heartline 'o Health	Good Eating Habits
7:15 Happy Days	Marion Rebels
7:50 The Saint	Simon and Delilah
8:39 Soccer	Coventry vs. Middles Boro
9:30 Famous Films	Naked in the sun

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:

Hot weather during the day, but moderate at night over most of the regions. Surface winds will blow mostly in variable direction at light to moderate speed, raising light dust occasionally over the interior regions. There are chances of scattered thunderstorms over the western and southwestern highlands.

Sea conditions will be calm to moderate in the territorial waters.

Saturday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	37	23	Tabuk	37	19
Jeddah	36	23	Al-Jauf	34	18
Riyadh	40	27	Turif	35	18
Dahran	37	22	Badana	36	19
Medina	39	25	Bisha	32	20
Taif	31	18	Abha	26	13

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Afternoon Transmission
 2:00 Opening
 2:01 The Holy Quran
 2:05 Gems of Guidance
 2:10 S.A. — Historical Notes
 2:20 On Islam
 2:23 Hits in Germany
 3:00 NEWS
 3:10 Press Review
 3:15 Music
 3:20 Islamic Activities
 3:30 Leaps and Bounds
 3:40 Music
 3:50 Close Down
Evening Transmission
 10:00 Opening

10:05 Opinion: Analyses
 News Summary

10:30 VOC Magazine:
 American; Science;
 Cultural; Letter

11:00 Special English; News
 11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT
 Midnight

12:00 Newsmakers' voices
 correspondents reports
 background features media
 comments news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission
 8:00 World News
 8:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

8:30 *Sarah Ward
 8:45 World Today
 9:00 Newsdesk
 9:30 *Opera Star

10:00 World News
 10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

10:30 *Sarah Ward
 10:45 *Something to Show You

11:00 World News
 1109 Reflections
 1115 Piano Style

1130 Brain of Britain 1978
 12:00 World News
 12:09 British Review

12:15 World Today
 12:30 Financial News
 12:40 Look Ahead

12:45 The Tony Myatt Request Show
 Evening Transmission

1:15 Ulster in Focus
 1:30 Discovery
 2:00 World News
 2:00 World News

2:09 News about Britain
 2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios

2:30 Sports International
 2:40 Radio Newsreel
 3:15 Promenade Concert

3:45 Sports Round-up
 4:00 World News
 4:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

1:00 Close Down
 1:15 The Pleasure's Yours
 1:15 Report on Religion

6:15 Outlook

7:00 World News

7:09 Commentary

7:15 *Sherlock Holmes

7:45 World Today

8:00 World News

8:09 Books and Writers

8:30 *Take One

8:45 Sports Round-up

9:00 World News

9:09 News about Britain

9:15 Radio Newsreel

9:30 Farming World

10:00 Outlook News Summary

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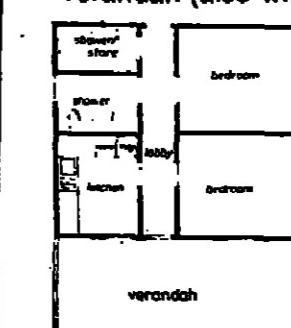
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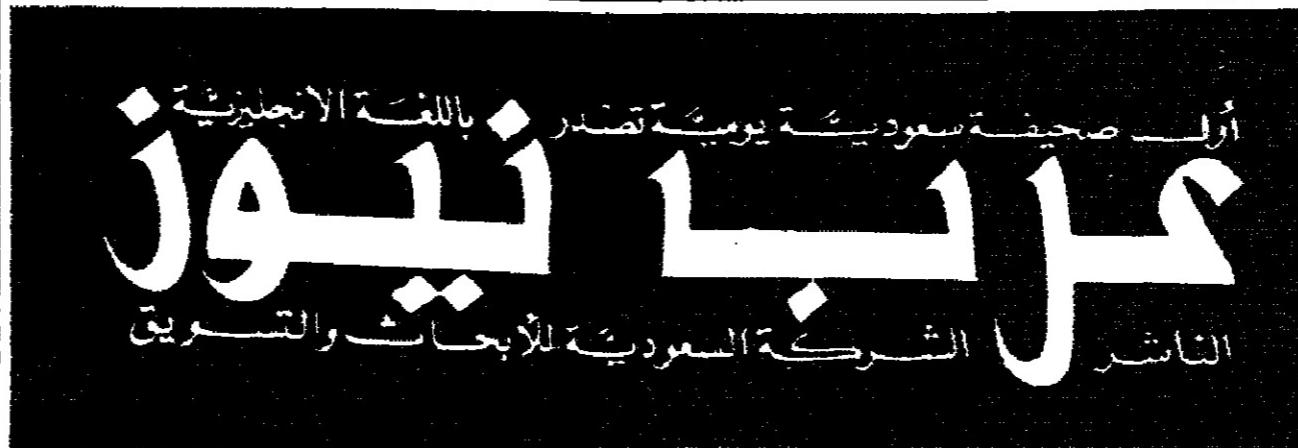
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International

SALT signing won't be only item at summit

WASHINGTON, May 12 (R) — The Soviet-U.S. summit talks planned for Vienna next month will have broad significance above and beyond a ceremonial signing of the new strategic arms limitation treaty, salt II.

All seven of the previous summit meetings have sought, but have failed to establish, an enduring and realistic base for expanded cooperation and consultation.

Aides say that President Jimmy Carter, in his first meeting with Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev, will not be aiming that high. But he nonetheless hopes that this meeting will be a start towards forging increased mutual confidence between two superpowers.

Unlike previous summits, next month's meeting promises few surprises or spectacles. Even the June 15 date is tentative, according to the Soviet announcement of the talks — apparently reflecting concern that Brezhnev's health could force a postponement.

But U.S. officials hope that the signing of Salt II — the most far-reaching arms control pact ever drafted — will itself provide a basis for broad cooperation in a wider field.

Since the earlier summit conferences, between 1959 and 1974, U.S.-Soviet relations have been marked by growing distrust and U.S. officials think the blame for this lies on both sides.

One area for continuing policy dispute is the Middle East. Moscow's decision, during the 1973 Middle East war, to undertake a major arms supply of Egypt and Syria was viewed here as the first breach of the code of detente agreed at the first Nixon-Brezhnev summit in May 1972.

That was the date from which U.S. planners say detente began to erode, and it led to an American solo effort to bring about peace in the Middle East.

The Soviet Union, has had reason more recently to question U.S. motives. After months of consultation and Washington

efforts to involve the Kremlin in the Middle East peace process, the two countries issued a joint statement on October 1, 1977 outlining steps and principles towards reconvening the Geneva peace conference.

But less than two months later, the U.S. scuttled the plan when Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's trip to Israel opened the way to direct Israeli-Egyptian negotiations.

Senior U.S. officials say that abandonment of the October 1 statement raised Soviet concern about how seriously Carter wanted cooperation and this probably slowed the Salt-II negotiations, thought to be nearing completion at that time.

The Middle East was only one area of concern in the 1970s. Congressional action which undermined former President Richard Nixon's plan to open trade with Moscow embittered the Soviet side in late 1974.

The following year it was Soviet and Cuban military support for the Marxist faction in Angola that upset Washington.

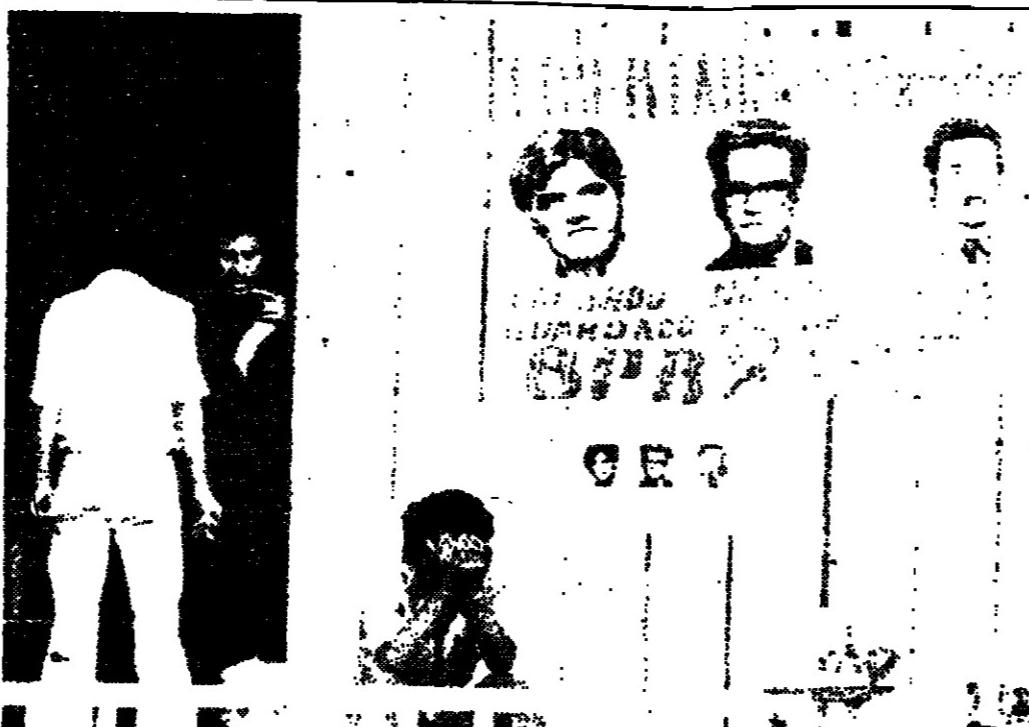
The Soviet side, believing that the tide was running against the West in the developing world, has not allowed such actions as the U.S. role in the Vietnam war to damage relations.

U.S. domestic critics of Salt want something done to halt the Soviet and Cuban build-up in such places as Ethiopia, Afghanistan and South Yemen.

Although regional conflict will be a major topic at the summit, the best that can be expected will be an agreement to consult more frequently, officials say.

Strategic and other arms relations will be the main topic. A third will be bilateral exchanges and relations.

One question being pondered in Washington is whether the Soviet Union will show restraint in its Third World involvements while the Senate debates ratification of the Salt II treaty.



SAN SALVADOR, A poster in front of the occupied Metropolitan Cathedral shows three revolutionary leaders the rebels demand be freed. One of the men, Facundo Guardado, was released Saturday, but the siege continued.

EL Salvador guerrillas seize Venezuelan Embassy, hold 8

SAN SALVADOR, May 12

(R) — Leftist militants carrying flowers walked into the Venezuelan Embassy and seized eight hostages to press demands for the release of their jailed leaders.

Eyewitnesses said members of the anti-government Popular Revolutionary Bloc (BPR) carried bunches of flowers Friday night as they took over the embassy.

The militants' hostages included Venezuelan Ambassador Santiago Ochoa and Military Attaché Col. Witermundo Hernandez.

Security forces said at least five militants had been killed in several other incidents Friday but there were no casualties when the Venezuelan Embassy was seized.

The Venezuelan mission was the third embassy to be occupied by BPR members, following the takeover of the French and Costa Rican embassies nine days ago.

Bloc members are also occupying the Roman Catholic cathedral in the center of the city, scene of one of the fiercest clashes between security forces and rebels Tuesday when at least 19 people were killed and 40 injured.

The takeover of the Venezuelan Embassy dashed hopes of an early end to the crisis despite the release of two of the Bloc's five jailed leaders.

BPR Secretary General Facundo said on his release Friday he thought a favorable solution to the crisis could be reached provided the government freed the remaining three prisoners.

But after the Venezuelan Embassy was seized, the Bloc issued a new demand, the repatriation from Costa Rica of three rebels who sought political asylum there.

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About 66 BPR members were still holding French Ambassador Michel Dondenne and four of his staff.

After the latest takeover, a militant spokesman said by telephone, "We are unarmed. We mean the Venezuelans no harm.

We only want them to intercede on our behalf to secure the liberation of our comrades."

In another incident, four youths were shot dead by security forces after they lobbed a Molotov cocktail at a garage.

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